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BIRTHS.

BATTISON—December 16, 1933, at Belmont avenue Nursing Home, to Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Battison, a son.

DUFFY—December 20, 1933, at Ard Erin, Roscrea, to J. A. and Mrs. Duffy, a son.

SARGENT—December 18, 1933, at "Lisieux," Private Nursing Home, 7 Herbert place, Dublin, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Sargent, 67 Hollybrook road, Clontarf, a daughter.

WHITE—December 17, 1933, at Leinster Nursing Home, Dublin, to Daisy, wife of William T. White, Abbeyleix, a son.

MARRIAGES.

FOSTER and MAGEE—December 11, 1933, at Kilmore Cathedral, by the Very Rev. Dean Askins, Frederick James, youngest son of Henry T. and Mrs. Foster, Kilmainham, to Margaret Elizabeth, eldest daughter of the late Albert and Mrs. Magee, Cornamuckla, Cavan.

McCROSSAN and ASHE—December 16, 1933, at St. Mary's, Walton, Liverpool, James McCrossan, Glasgow, to Irene Gertrude, youngest daughter of Mrs. Ashe and the late C. W. Ashe, 54 Upper Grand Canal street, Dublin.

MAGUIRE and McCARTHY—November 21, 1933, at the Church of the Holy Name, Beechwood avenue, Ranelagh, with Nuptial Mass, by the Rev. Stephen Clone, C.C., Francis (Frank), 191 Richmond road, Drumcondra, third son of the late John and Margaret Maguire (late Dundalk), to Eva, eldest daughter of William McCarthy, 7 Ashfield road, Ranelagh, Dublin, and the late Josephine McCarthy. Glasgow and American papers please copy.

TIGHE and ROARK—December 7, 1933, in Dublin, John Vincent Ball, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Tighe, St. Anne's, Galway, to DuCasse A., second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roark, The Mill House, Camolin, County Wexford.

DEATHS.

COPLEY—At a Dublin hospital, Thomas Copley, of Moote, Castlerea, the result of an accident. Remains will arrive at Castlerea at 4 o'clock p.m. to-day (Saturday). Funeral to-morrow (Sunday) from the Parish Church.

de COURCY—December 22, 1933, at 21 Ormond road, Rathmines, Dublin, Margaret, daughter of the late James and Margaret de Courcy, formerly of Limerick. Funeral private.

GILTRAP—December 21, 1933, at his residence, Humphreystown, Blessington, Henry Giltrap. Deeply regretted. Funeral to-day (Saturday) at 2 p.m.

McCRACKEN—December 22, 1933, at Palmerstown House, and of 18 Parnell place, Thomas Samuel, last surviving son of the late John McCracken, of Harelem, Tallaght, and late of Kilmartin House, County Dublin, in his 88th year. Deeply regretted by his wife and daughter. Funeral (private) arriving at Mount Jerome at 11 o'clock.

MONKS—December 22, 1933, at his residence, Annacrevey, Glenageary, County Dublin, Thomas F. Monks, LL.D., Solicitor, aged 67 years. Deeply regretted. R.I.P. Funeral strictly private. No flowers, Masses.

NEARY—December 21, 1933, at St. Vincent's Hospital, after a short illness, Edward Neary, for 32 years the faithful servant and friend of Mrs. O'Meara, The Ochra, Bray. R.I.P.

POWELL—December 22, 1933, at Salem House, Maxwell road, Upper Rathmines, Mrs. Ellen Powell, at an advanced age. R.I.P. Funeral (private) to-day, after ten o'clock Mass, Rathgar Church.

RYAN—December 21, 1933, at her residence, Loughkent House, New Inn, Cahir, Co. Tipperary, Anastasia T., wife of Cornelius J. Ryan. R.I.P. Funeral (private) at New Inn after High Mass at 10.30 to-day (Saturday).

SYMMONS—December 22, 1933, at his residence, 113 Philipsburgh avenue, Dublin, Edward B., aged 57, youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Hugh E. G. Symmons, Milford Haven, South Wales, and beloved husband of Anne Symmons. Mourned by his family. "God's finger touched him and he slept." Funeral at 9.15 a.m. on Tuesday, 26th, to St. George's Cemetery. Welsh papers please copy.

WHITAKER—December 20, 1933, suddenly, at his residence, 44 Gerard road, Barnes, London, Major W. E. de B. Whittaker (late King's Own), beloved husband of Dorothy Whittaker (née Blood).

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for this column will be found on Page 6.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Mrs. Downes and family, 3 Hollybrook road, and 2 Hawkins street, desire to thank the many kind friends who sent wreaths, telegrams, and letters of sympathy with them in their recent sad bereavement.

Mrs. Wynne returns heartfelt thanks to all kind friends who sympathised with her on the death of her husband, William H. Wynne, late of 43 Garville avenue, Rathgar, Dublin, and Kilmocahill Glebe, Gowran, formerly of Kellymount, County Kilkenny, and begs all will kindly excuse this belated acknowledgment.

IN MEMORIAM.

BRIAN—In loving memory of our dear Lily, who fell asleep on 25th December, 1924. Fondly remembered. "Safe in the arms of Jesus."

BUTLER—In loving memory of dear father, who was called Home on December 24th, 1930; also my dear mother, on 7th February, 1929.—George.

BUTLER—In loving memory of our dear father, called Home on Xmas Eve, 1930.
"Father, in Thy gracious keeping,
Leave we now our loved one sleeping."
Lily and Janie.

COX—In loving remembrance of daddy, who fell asleep December, 1926.—Moss and Reta.

DUNCAN—In loving memory of dear father, Thomas Duncan, who died on December 23, 1923, and mother, Sarah, January 5, 1915.—Alf.

DUNCAN—In loving memory of our dear aunt, Alice Duncan, late of Laurel Cottage, Ballycanew, formerly of Salinas, California, who passed away on Christmas Eve, 1929. Inserted by Bessie, Willie, and James McCullagh, Annesley place, Dublin.

LLOYD—In loving memory of my dear husband, Bob, called to rest on 23rd December, 1932.
"Come unto Me, ye weary,
And I will give you rest."

LLOYD—In loving memory of our dear dad, called Home on 23rd December, 1932.
"Peacefully sleeping, resting at last,
Life's weary trials and troubles are past."
Emmie, Elsie, and Blanche.

McCABE—Eighth Anniversary—In loving remembrance of William McCabe, who died at his residence, "Weston," Rathgar road, on Christmas Eve, 1925. R.I.P.

MARKS—In fond and loving memory of my dear father, who fell asleep on December 23, 1932; also my dear mother, March 6, 1932.
"Saviour, in Thy gracious keeping,
Leave we now our loved ones sleeping."

MEDCALF—In affectionate and ever-loving memory of John Medcalf, called Home on 24th December, 1930.
O happy day! when we shall see,
And fix our longing eyes on Thee.
On Thee, our Light, our Life, our Love,
Our all below, our Heaven above.
Inserted by his loving wife and children.

O'TOOLE—In loving memory of my dear husband, Dick, who died on 24th December, 1926, late of 62 Tyrconnell road, Inchicore. "In life, in death, O God, abide with me."

PARR—To the dear memory of Charlie, who was called to the Higher Life on 24th December, 1922. "God, be with us till we meet again."

POLLITT—In ever-loving memory of dear Ernest, also mother, passed on 1924.—Daisy.

RORKE—In loving remembrance of dear Violet, who passed away on December 23rd, 1924, at Bayshore, New York.
"Saviour, in Thy gracious keeping,
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SHAW—In ever-loving memory of mother, called Home on December 24, 1921.—Vi and Kay.

WEST—In ever-loving remembrance of our dear father, John Francis West, who was called Home on Christmas Eve, 1927; also our dear mother, who joined him on 12th November, 1931.
"With Thee, O Lord, for ever to abide,
In that blest land where falls no eventide."
Victoria and Johnny.

WILL—In loving memory of my dear wife and mother, Jeannie Findlay, who died at 56 West road, Dublin, on 24th December, 1929.
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There was an exceptionally large attendance of the staff and associates of the London, Midland and Scottish Railway, as well as a number of retired members of the railway service. Those present included the Right Hon. H. G. Burgess, late general manager of the L.M. and S. Railway, and a former Irish traffic manager; Mr. W. R. Bailey, late traffic manager; Surgeon Keegan, Dr. Pugin Meldon, Mr. H. O'Leary, V.S.; Mr. J. T. Sandow, Mr. P. J. Ryan, Mr. W. Davin, T.D.; Mr. F. E. Jones, Mr. J. Byrne, Mr. C. Jauncey and Mr. O. R. Williams.

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Mr. J. M. Irwin suitably responded.

The toast of "The guests and retired members" was proposed by Mr. T. A. Burke and replied to by Mr. Burgess, who referred to his early associations with the transport service and struck an encouraging note in regard to the future prosperity of the railway service.

Mr. John Byrne also replied.

The St. John Ambulance Certificate of Merit was presented to Mr. Foster, and certificates of proficiency to lady members of the staff by Dr. Pugin Meldon.

The enjoyment of the function was largely contributed to by a musical programme, the principal artistes being Mr. W. Lemass, Mr. T. C. Earls and Mr. Withers (accompanist), and the toast of "The Artistes" was proposed by Mr. W. E. Matthews and enthusiastically honoured.

The reunion, which proved a very enjoyable one, closed with a toast to the chairman, ably proposed by Mr. A. J. Broughton, assistant manager.

MOLYNEUX INSTITUTION FOR THE BLIND, LEESON PARK, DUBLIN.

The usual monthly meeting of the Trustees and Guardians of the Molyneux Institution for the Blind was held on the 19th inst. Present:—Gage S. Green, Esq. (in the chair); Sir John W. Moore, E. N. Edwards, Esq.; Dr. Edward Watson, Cecil Pim, Esq.; G. A. Overend, Esq.; and Canon A. E. Hughes, Chaplain. Apologies were received from E. J. Phelps, Esq., K.C., and Louis Bewley, Esq.

Thet following subscriptions are gratefully acknowledged:—The Misses Allen, 5/-; Mrs. Barbor, 5/-; Messrs. Boileau and Boyd, £1; Mrs. Brunskill, £1; Mrs. Cobden, £1 1/-; J. Hall Cooper, Esq., £1; H. G. Courtney, Esq., £5; Miss Kate Darley, £2; Mrs. Davis, 10/-; C. Eason, Esq., 5/-; Mrs. Fawcett, £1; Messrs. Alex. Findlater and Co., £1 1/-; Mrs. FitzGerald, 10/-; the Earl Fitzwilliam, £2; Mrs. Gailey, £2; Messrs. W. and A. Gilbey, £1 1/-; In Memoriam, Mrs. Belinda M. Gill, £1 1/-; R. W. Hall-Dare, Esq., 15/-; the Misses Harper, £1 10/-; Mrs. F. W. Hayes, £1 1/-; G. Hewson, Esq., £1; Mrs. Huband, £1; Miss H. Jacob, £1; R. St. George Johnston, Esq., £2; Mrs. Kinloch, 10/-; Adam Lloyd-Blood, Esq., £1; Miss Low, 5/-; Messrs. Maguire and Gatchell, £1; the Earl of Meath, 10/-; Mrs. Audley Mervyn, 10/-; Mrs. Monro, 5/-; the Lord Moyne, £2 2/-; Mrs. J. Brice Mullin, 10/-; A. C. O'Hara, Esq., 10/-; Messrs. Pim Bros., £2; Rev. P. Poë, 2/6; G. L. Pollock, Esq., £1 1/-; W. Rochfort, Esq., £1; A. H. Seale, Esq., 10/-; J. Sibthorpe, Esq., £1; Miss L. Sibthorpe, 10/-; Maynard Sinton, Esq., and Mrs. Sinton, £1; R. G. Tomlinson, Esq., £1.

FOOD AND PRODUCE MARKETS.

Birkenhead—Nominal for both Cattle and Lambs. Dublin—Butter steady, Eggs dull, record supplies of Poultry, Herrings plentiful and cheap, Fruit and Vegetables weak. Grain closed. Hay and Straw easier. Wheat steady. Rubber quiet. Tin dearer. Copper weaker.

CATTLE.

BIRKENHEAD—On offer—1,686 cattle and 1,715 lambs. In view of Ministry of Agriculture's new order reducing the importation of fat cattle from the Irish Free State by 50 per cent. as from 1st January, trade was dislocated at lairages, and prices were purely nominal for both cattle and lambs.

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GRAIN.

DUBLIN CORN EXCHANGE.—Closed.

FLOATING GRAIN CARGOES—BALTIC.—WHEAT—With a lack of support from overnight cables, the cargo market presented dull features under the influence of approaching holidays, and prices were nominally unchanged. No. 1 Northern Manitoba Vancouver Dec.-first half Jan. sellers 24/3, Atlantic Jan. 24/6, No. 2 ditto Vancouver Dec.-first half Jan. 22/9, Atlantic Jan. 23/9, Pacific half soft-half Western white Jan.-Feb. 20/6, New South Wales March 23/-, South Australian Dec.-Jan. and Jan.-Feb. 22/6, West Australian afloat 22/6. Parcels quietly steady at late rates for Manitoba and Australian, but 3d. easier for Plates. MAIZE—Cargoes quiet, but steadily held. Plate Dec. sellers 16/6, Jan. and Feb. 16/-. Parcels quiet of sale at about late rates. Plate afloat sellers 16/4½ to 17/3, Dec. 16/1½, Jan.-Feb.-March 15/9, and May-June 15/6 per qr. of 480lb. c.i.f. BARLEY steady, but inactive. Parcels of No. 3 Canadian Western Vancouver Jan. sellers 16/3; Californian superior Dec.-Jan. sellers 22/-, Australian No. 2 Dec.-Jan. 25/-, and No. 3 ditto 22/9 per qr. of 448lb. c.i.f. OATS neglected. Parcels of No. 2 Canadian Western Vancouver Jan. sellers 14/10½, No. 1 Canadian feed Jan. 13/9, Danubian 35-36lb. Dec. 10/-, Russian on sample Dec. 8/-, Plate f.a.q. afloat 11/3, Jan.-Feb. 34-35lb. new crop (also Feb.-March) 9/4½ per qr. of 320lb. c.i.f.

MARK LANE CORN—The week-end market was moderately attended, and with a holiday tone prevailing, business was on a small scale. Prices, however, were fairly steady for most cereals. WHEAT dull. No. 1 Northern Manitoba Vancouver ex ship 26/-, Atlantic 26/3, No. 2 Vancouver 24/9, No. 3 Vancouver 24/3, No. 4 Manitoba 23/9, No. 5 ditto 22/3. Australian 23/9, German 20/-, Hungarian 21/- to 21/6, Russian on sample 21/6 to 22/-, duty paid, per 496lb. English new 19/- to 20/- per quarter of 504lb. ex farm. FLOUR quiet. London straight run 22/6 per sack for country deliveries, and 21/6 London area. Country straights 16/6 to 17/6 ex store. MAIZE quietly steady. Plate landed 20/-, ex ship 19/- to 18/3 as to position, December-January also January-February 16/9 per 480lb. Yellow maize meal £5 10/- to £5 12/6 per ton ex wharf London. BARLEY maintained; Danubian landed 15/6, ex ship 14/6. Russian landed 15/9. No. 3 Canadian Western Vancouver ex ship December 17/3 per 400lb. English new malting 30/- to 50/- per quarter of 448lb. ex farm. OATS slow. Plate landed 15/6, ex ship 14/3, Canadian Atlantic landed 12/6, ex ship 11/6, ditto Vancouver landed 15/6, ex ship 13/6 per 320lb.; English new 16/- to 18/- per quarter of 336lb. ex farm. MILLERS' WHEATFEED steady, and bran in demand. Broad digestive bran 5/9 to 6/-, weatings 5/4½ to 5/9 as to quality; ground oats 6/10½ to 7/- ex mills per cwt.

LIVERPOOL (Futures) — WHEAT—Parcels unchanged; 1½d. lower. Options opened unchanged, now ¼d. over Thursday night. December sold 4/0¾ to 4/0½. March 4/3¾ to 4/3½. May 4/4½ to 4/5. July 4/5⅞. MAIZE—Parcels Plate held for 1½d. advance. FLOUR quiet, unchanged; straight run 25/- ex mill. MAIZE very scarce; Plate 4/7. OATS quiet, easier; No. 2 Canadian Western 16/6, No. 3 16/-. BARLEY steady; Russian 15/9.

PROVISIONS.

LIVERPOOL.—CONTINENTAL BACON — In weekly revision Danish leanest and lean 1/- up; Swedish and Dutch unchanged; Polish 2/- up. Firm tone. Danish leanest, 78/- to 82/-; lean, 76/- to 80/-; prime, 74/- to 78/-; Swedish lean, 70/- to 74/-; prime, 68/- to 72/-; Dutch lean, 67/- to 71/-; prime, 64/- to 68/-; Polish lean, 67/- to 71/-; prime, 65/- to 69/-. IRISH BACON firm, unchanged, 76/- to 78/-. CANADIAN—Wilts 1/- dearer; leanest, 70/- to 74/-; lean, 67/- to 71/-; prime, 65/- to 69/-. AMERICAN BACON—Clear bellies quietly steady, 60/- to 65/-; others nominal. HAMS firmly held for short cut at late prices. LARD—Spot quiet, 6d. easier for American refined at 27/- to 29/-. CHEESE quietly steady at late figures. BUTTER—Trade quiet; easiness for Danish, 2/- decline in quotations at 114/- to 118/-; Swedish, 100/- to 104/-. Empire available on recent terms. New Zealand finest, 69/- to 73/-; first grade, 68/- to 72/-; Australian, 69/- to 73/- per cwt. EGGS nominal for Irish.

LONDON.—BUTTER—With practically no relief from the large production now taking place in New Zealand and Australia, and prospects of heavy supplies reaching the London market for the next two or three months, there is very little support of a speculative nature, and pressure of arrivals caused prices to steadily decline. A disturbing factor was reports that negotiations have been pending to ship surplus supplies from the United States, estimated at about 15,000 tons, presumably to this country. Continental arrivals are generally lighter, and cold stored stocks of Continental descriptions are being depleted. Argentine, however, is arriving more freely and gradually finding a market. Prices of unsalted have rapidly declined owing to increased supplies, and now commands a much smaller premium over salted. Current low retail prices are stimulating consumption, which is a healthy feature towards improvement. Quotations—New Zealand, finest salted, 65/- to 67/-; ditto, unsalted, 70/- to 74/-; Australian, finest salted, 64/- to 67/-; good to fine, 62/- to 63/-; inferior, 60/- to 61/-; finest unsalted, 66/- to 70/-; Argentine, finest unsalted, 66/- to 70/-; good to fine, 60/- to 64/-; Danish, 108/-; Dutch creamery, unsalted, 104/- to 108/-; Siberian, 63/- to 65/- per cwt.; Dutch rolls, 11/9 to 12/3 per dozen lb.; English, 1/4½ per lb. CHEESE—English remained firm, but the general tone of the market proved dull, with a lack of buying confidence. Trade, however, was sufficient to keep New Zealand and Australian cleared, and stocks are light. Canadian proved slow of sale and Dutch neglected. Quotations—English farmers' ranges from 78/- to 94/-; loaf, 94/- to 98/- per cwt; Cheshire officially graded 1/1, ungraded 1/-; Stilton, 1/- to 1/8; Italian, Gorgonzola, 8d. to 8½d. per lb.; Scottish factory, white 50/-, coloured 48/-. BACON—Market steady, with a good demand, and stocks were mostly cleared. No official change occurred in prices. Quotations—Irish, 70/- to 83/-; Danish, 70/- to 78/-; Dutch, 64/- to 71/-; Swedish, 68/- to 74/-; Polish, 61/- to 67/-; English, Wiltshire smoked sides, 72/- to 100/-; ditto, green, 66/- to 96/- per cwt. Danish arrivals, 32,755 bales, against 50,143 last week; Polish, 3,808, against 4,568; Lithuanian, 3,496, against 3,348; Dutch 2,345, against 2,244; Canadian, 3537, against 2,231 bales. HAMS in demand, and realised full rates. English, as to weight, quoted 118/- to 145/-; American short cut, 76/- to 78/-; Canadian ditto, 77/- to 80/- per cwt. LARD—American dull and easier. Irish bladders quoted 38/- to 54/-; Danish ditto, 40/-; American, boxes, 27/- to 28/9, pails 33/3; cartons, 1lb. 31/9, ditto ½lb. 33/9 per cwt. EGGS (Boro)—Market steady, but generally quiet. Quotations—English, national marked, specials 21/6 to 22/-, standards 19/- to 19/6, medium 17/6 to 18/-, pullet 15/6 to 16/-, ordinary packing, 15-15½lb. 18/- to 18/6; Northern Ireland, 18lb. 20/9, 17lb. 20/-, 15½lb. 18/- to 18/3, 14lb. 16/6. The Windsor Castle has arrived from South Africa with 5,031 cases and 352 boxes.

MANCHESTER.—Holiday influence affecting business in all departments. BUTTER—Danish official quotation wired 18 kroner lower. Top now stands at 180 kroner per 100 kilos, against 198 kroner previous week and 176 corresponding period last year. Quiet tone for both Continental and Colonial makes, notwithstanding reduced prices. Choicest qualities quoted—Danish 107/- to 110/-, special dairies extra; Swedish 97/- to 100/-, Finnish 96/- to 99/-, finest New Zealand 69/- to 72/-, first grade nominal; Australian Kangaroo 69/- to 72/-, first grade 68/- to 71/-. BACON very firm for both Irish and Continental cures. Lean Danish advanced 1/- and Polish 2/-, but Swedish and Dutch unchanged. Irish nominal; English 74/- to 86/-, Danish 74/- to 84/-, Swedish 68/- to 76/-, Dutch 64/- to 73/-, Polish 64/- to 75/-. LARD lower. English refined 36/6 boxes ex works, American boxes 27/6 to 29/6. CHEESE—Demand for Cheshire of holiday character, and prices nominally unchanged. Colonial quietly steady. New Zealand white 49/- to 51/-, coloured 46/- to 48/-; Canadian white and coloured 48/- to 54/- according to make. EGGS firm, with good demand. Irish Free State nominal, cold stored 10/6; English, selected 18/-, medium 15/-; Northern Ireland nominal; Australian, 17lb. 14/6, 16lb. 14/-, 15lb. 13/6, 14lb. 12/9, 13½lb. 11/-; Uruguayan 11/- to 11/6. Polish 8/- to 8/6, Danish pickles 9/6 to 11/6.

MANCHESTER MEAT.—Home-killed beef—A few fancy choice beasts 7d. to 7½d., heavier sorts 6d. to 6½d.; choice small lambs up to 9½d., stronger sorts 8½d. to 9d., ewes 5d.; calves 7d. to 9d., porket pigs 1/-, cutters 10d.; chilled beef, hindquarters 5d. to 6d., forequarters 2½d. to 3½d.; frozen ox hindquarters 3½d. to 3¾d., crops 2½d.; mutton, wethers 4½d. to 5½d., ewes 4½d. to 4¾d., lambs 5½d. to 6½d.; pigs, Australian and New Zealand 6½d. to 7d.

MANCHESTER GAME AND POULTRY.—Available supplies of dead poultry equal to all requirements. Turkeys plentiful and cheap. Irish and English chickens 9d. to 10d., fowls 6d. to 7d., Irish turkeys 9d. to 11d., Continental 6d. to 8d.; geese 6d. to 7d., ducklings 8d. to 1/- per lb.; pheasants 4/6, young partridge 4/6, old 2/- per brace; rabbits 2/- to 2/3 per couple, hares 2/- to 2/6 each.

DUBLIN FRUIT AND VEGETABLE.—All classes in heavy supply. Sales fairly well supported, with closing prices in buyers' favour. York 25/- to 60/- per large load, small 10/- to 20/-; Savoy, large 31/- to 65/-, small 20/- to 35/-; swedes and mangolds 10d. to 1/- per cwt.; cauliflowers 3/- to 5/- per dozen, seconds 1/- to 2/3; lettuce 4d. to 1/-, leeks 2/- to 3/-, beet 1/- to 1/6; parsnips 2/-, bags 5/- to 7/-; carrots 1/- to 2/-, bags 3/- to 5/-; celery 2/- to 9/- per bunch, turnips 4d. to 8d., thyme and sage 2d. to 3d.; parsley 6d. to 1/- per tray, 2/- to 3/6 per bag; sprouts 2/6 to 3/- per chip, artichokes 1/6 to 2/-, and apples 14/- to 20/-, extra 23/- to 30/- per barrel. Foreign supplies good and met a steady sale at—Apples, American 30/- to 40/- per barrel, russets 35/- to 50/-, Greenings 30/- to 34/-, Jonathans and Delicious 15/- to 17/-, Newtowns 18/- to 20/, Mackintosh 12/-; oranges, Valencia 10/- to 20/- per case, Jaffs 10/- to 13/-, Mandarines 1/6 to 2/6 per box; lemons 24/- to 26/- per case, 14/- to 18/- per box; grapes, Muscats 2/9 per lb., Belgian 1/6 to 1/8, Dutch 8/6 per tray, Almeria 12/- to 30/- per barrel; Californian pears 17/- to 22/- per box, grape fruit 15/- to 20/- per case; tomatoes, English 8/- to 10/- per box, Canary 6/- to 8/- per crate, 16/- to 20/- per bundle; Tunis dates 8/6 to 9/- per dozen, bananas 7/- to 10/- per box, pineapples 4/- to 6/- each; onions, Spanish10/- to 12/6 per case, and Dutch 9/- per bag.

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DUBLIN POTATO.—Improved demand, with supplies ample at previous values. Best table qualities 3/6 to 3/9 per cwt.

DUBLIN POULTRY.—Record supplies continue to arrive. Buyers in good attendance, but in a more cautious mood, and at a late hour sales closed with prices tending weaker, and market failed to clear. Turkeys 5d. to 6d., choice 7d per lb.; geese 4d. to 5d., and chickens 7d. to 8d.

DUBLIN BUTTER AND EGG.—Creamery supplies ample for steady trade passing at late rates. Factory arrivals smaller and farmers' parcels scarce. Creams, 56lb. 1/3 lb., 28lb. boxes 1/3½, factory 11d. to 1/1, and farmers' 10d. to 11d. Egg supplies still on the short side, but arrivals have been ample for fairly good Christmas trade. Mild weather very likely to help production, and increased arrivals are expected soon, with consequent lower values. Duck eggs very scarce and in demand. Extra selected 16 and 17lb. grades 21/- to 21/6, case lots, ordinary and selected 19/- to 20/6, medium 18/4 to 19/-, cold store 12/- and ducks 17/6 to 19/- per 120.

CORK BUTTER.—Creameries, 5 cwt. lots and upwards 136/6 per cwt., smaller quantities 140/- per cwt.

DUBLIN FISH.—Herrings again in heavy supply, other arrivals small. On offer—11 chests lobsters, 310 boxes herrings, and a small supply from country and local senders. Demand good, except for herrings, which proved in excess of requirements. Lobsters 10/- to 12/6 per 13 large, medium 5/- to 6/-, small 1/6 to 2/-; soles 20/- to 25/- per 9 pairs large, medium 10/- to 12/-; slips 2/6 to 4/-, turbot 1/- to 7/- each, brill 6d. to 2/6, herrings 1/6 to 3/- box, plaice 15/- to 25/- half box, cod 22/6 to 30/-, and ray 8/- to 12/6.

BILLINGSGATE FISH.—Soles 9d. to 16d., slips 8d. to 12d., red mullet 9d. to 12d. per lb.; live eels 13/- to 24/-, dead 10/- to 16/-; draught turbot 9/- to 15/-, brill 8/- to 10/-, plaice 6/- to 13/-, halibut 12/- to 17/-, lemon soles 12/- to 14/-, whiting 2/- to 5/-, hake 11/- to 14/-, haddocks 3/6 to 7/-, skate wings 4/- to 7/- per stone.

PRODUCE.

LONDON.—SUGAR continued very quiet, but prices for British makes unchanged. Foreign 96 per cent. January shipment to United Kingdom held for 4/5¼ c.i.f. Terminal slow, but steady. May sold 4/10½ to 4/11¼. August 5/1½ to 5/2¼. December 5/3½ per cwt. COCOA steadier forward. Accra G/F January-March quoted 16/9 per 50 kilos c.i.f., and "A" clause to London 18/3 per cwt. ex wharf. Terminal steady, and 20 tons changed hands; January 17/3, May 18/- per cwt. RUBBER steady, quiet. Standard sheet spot and January sold 4⅛d. to 4 5/32d., February 4 5/32d. to 4 3/16d., March 4 3/16d., April-June 4¼d. to 4 9/32d., July-September 4 11/32d., October-December 4 7/16d. per lb. London stocks expected to show a reduction of about 300 tons on the week, and Liverpool 700 tons. JUTE—Market again higher, with reserved sellers, while assisted by reduced supplies reaching Calcutta from up-country and sustained buying orders mainly on covering account. Firsts December-January to Hamburg sold £15 12/6, January-February to H.A.R.B. £15 15/- and buyers, February-March £15 17/6 and buyers, lightnings December-January sold £14 6/3, February-March £14 10/-, Hearts January-February sellers £13 7/6, Daisee £13 12/6, Tossa January-February sold £14 7/6, February-March £14 10/- per ton c.i.f. SHELLAC easier. T.N. spot 74/- to 79/-, March sold 77/6 to 76/-, May 76/-, closing sellers 75/-, December-January c.i.f. sellers 72/- per cwt. OILS—Linseed quiet. Spot sellers 20/6, small quantities 1/6 per cwt. extra; January 19/1½, January-April 19/3, May-August 19/4½ paid, September-December sellers 19/10½. Rape slow. Crude spot 26/-, refined 27/6, Japanese crude drums December-January 24/-, refined 25/-. Cotton slow. Crude Egyptian spot 14/6, common edible 17/3, deodorised 18/9. Cocoanut quiet. Ceylon drums mill spot 17/-, December-January 14/6, white ditto 14/9. Copra Oil—Crude spot 19/6, refined 22/6, English deodorised barrels 25/-. Groundnut quiet. English crude spot 20/6, deodorised 26/9, Bombay crude drums December-January 19/3. Turpentine steady, quiet. American spot 42/6 per cwt. OILSEEDS—Linseed steady, but inactive. Holiday tone. Plate to Hull December sellers £9 10/-, January-February new crop £9 6/3, February-March also March-April £9 5/-, Calcutta to London December-January also January-February £11, February-March £11 1/3, March-April £11 2/6, Bombay to London December-January also January-February £11 5/-, February-March £11 6/3, March-April £11 7/6. Rapeseed dull. Toria January-February £9 7/6, new crop February-March £9 6/3. Cottonseed quietly steady. Egyptian black to Hull December £4 2/6, January £4 5/-, February £4 6/3, March £4 7/6, April £4 8/9, with white sorts at 3/9 per ton less, respectively. Groundnuts inactive. Coromandel December £9 6/3, January also February £9 3/9, March £9 5/-, April £9 6/3, May £9 7/6. Soya Beans quiet. Manchurian afloat also new crop November £6 8/9, December £5 16/3, January £5 13/9, February £5 12/6. Castorseed steady. Bombay to Hull January-February £9 17/6, Brazilian to Antwerp January-February £9 2/6, ditto Hull January-February £9 5/- per ton c.i.f.

OILCAKES.—Linseed Cakes—Owing mostly to the approaching holidays, markets have had rather less attention paid to them, but values have, if anything, appreciated slightly on account of the lack of supplies available on spot. December shipments and afloat parcels make full values, and £7 12/6 is quoted for 10 per cent. Calcutta expellers, with 2/6 less money asked for January shipment. London mades are valued at £8 7/6 to £8 12/6. Cotton Cakes—Egyptians find small interest, although at such low figures, and it is felt that an increase may be expected in the near future, as shippers are not offering very freely. Best brands quote at £3 10/- to £3 11/3 for afloat and early shipments, with London mades at £4 to £4 2/6. Groundnut Cakes—A slow trade is maintained in Bombay expeller cakes at £5 11/3 to £5 13/9 for afloat and near shipment positions, with spot cakes of the same variety at £6 to £6 5/- at railheads. London made quoted at £6 17/6 ex mill. Offals—English straight run middlings offer at £5 5/- to £5 7/6, and bran is also firmly held at £5 7/6 for ordinary and £5 17/6 for broad. Fine German middlings offer cheaply at £5 5/- and coarse at £5 2/6, while Plate and Brazilian pollards may be bought at £4 15/- ex wharf. Low grade flour £5 10/- ex wharf, and rye flour at £3 17/6 ex wharf. Maize Foods—Garton's maize gluten feed finds a ready sale at £5 10/-, with maize germ cake and meal selling at £5 12/6, flake maize at £6, yellow South African maize meal at £5 7/6 per ton, and English yellow maize meal at £5 10/-, all ex store or factory.

LIVERPOOL.—SUGAR quiet for cane. COCOA quiet, but dearer for West African. RICE quietly steady. RICE BRAN slow. SAGO FLOUR dull, idle. JAPANESE PEAS quiet sale. RANGOON BEANS quiet, unchanged. COTTONSEED MEAL steady. COTTONSEED inactive. LINSEED dearer. OILCAKES attract little attention. LINSEED OIL dearer. COTTONSEED OIL quiet sale. COCOANUT OIL slow. GROUNDNUT OIL steady. TALLOW dull, unaltered. PALM OIL barely steady. RESIN quiet; held for late rates. PETROLEUM and PETROL steadily maintained late quotations. TURPENTINE unchanged.

MISCELLANEOUS.

DUBLIN HAY AND STRAW.—Much larger supplies came on market without any improvement in quality. Buyers in poor attendance and business somewhat depressed, with values lower in the main. In a few early morning sales choice quality got placed around previous values, after which there were few anxious buyers, and, notwithstanding the lower prices ruling, many loads were still on hands at a late hour. Choice 1st crop 3/3 to 3/6, with an occasional fancy load 3/9 per cwt.; 2nd and 3rd 2/9 to 3/-, old meadow 2/- to 2/3 and 2/6, other classes to best advantage. Straw sales also slower, with supplies in excess of requirements, and a clearance difficult to effect at 1/3 to 1/6, with fancy oaten 1/9 per cwt.

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LONDON METALS MARKET.

TIN DEARER—COPPER WEAKER.

TIN—Eastern cables were easier, and here a dull tone prevailed, but the tone was steadier on reserved offers. Officially prices were marked up by 15/- per ton for cash, and forward 10/- dearer on balance. Standard cash quoted £227 12/6 to £227 15/-, three months £227 7/6 to £227 10/-; settlement price £227 15/-. Sales amounted to 80 tons; cash at £227 15/-, three months £227 5/- to £227 7/6. English ingots quoted £228 5/-. Business was reported in the East at £230 5/- c.i.f. COPPER continued in good support, but with sellers well in evidence a weaker market resulted. On balance official quotations were reduced by 6/3 per ton for cash and 5/- forward. Standard cash quoted £32 to £32 1/3, three months £32 3/9 to £32 5/-; settlement price £32. 1,000 tons changed hands; cash at £32 1/3, three months £32 5/-, £32 2/6 and £32 3/9. Electros quoted £35 10/- to £36 10/-, wire bars £36 10/-, best selected £34 10/- to £35 15/-, strong sheets £62. LEAD—Market quiet, but tone fairly steady. 200 tons sold; good soft foreign pig Feb. £11 7/6; settlement price £11 7/6. English quoted £12 15/-. SPELTER in moderate request, and tendency easier on liberal offerings. 250 tons sold; March £14 17/6, April £15; settlement price £14 15/-. ANTIMONY firmer. English regulus spot £37. Chinese ditto spot £26. Dec.-Jan. £22, and crude ditto £17 per ton c.i.f. Antimony Oxide—Dec.-Jan. £23 10/- per ton c.i.f. Antimony Ore—60 per cent. Dec.-Jan. 3/- and 80 per cent. ditto 2/9 per unit c.i.f. WOLFRAM firmer. Chinese spot nominally 29/6 to 30/- and Dec.-Jan. quoted 29/6 per unit c.i.f. Copper sheets lower at £44 10/- per ton f.o.b. ALUMINIUM, QUICKSILVER and TIN PLATES unaltered. No second session was held.

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A new theatrical venture will start in Dublin next week with the production of Somerset Maugham's farce, "The Unattainable," at the Abbey Theatre. It is felt that Dublin is not sufficiently catered for in the matter of light comedy, and Mrs. May Carey, who is well known in stage circles, has decided to follow up "The Unattainable" with a number of other comedies. The first play of the series will be given at the Abbey Theatre on New Year's Eve, and then transferred to the Peacock. This procedure will be followed in the case of the other plays, which will be presented at the Abbey on a Sunday night and continued for the ensuing fortnight at the Peacock Theatre. It is hoped to produce the plays at the rate of one a month.

"The Unattainable," which had a very successful run in London under its first title of "Caroline," has not previously been produced in Dublin. It is a typical Maugham play, with clever dialogue and character drawing. Two other plays of his: "The Breadwinner" and "The Sacred Flame," also are being considered, while Noel Coward's "Hay Fever," Rachel Crothers "As Husbands Go," and George Kelly's "The Show Off" may be staged as well.

Mrs. Carey has had considerable experience in producing plays, and her latest scheme ought to prove a very interesting one.

NEW MISSION TO ABORIGINES.

TO MAKE PEACE WITH FIERCEST NATIVES.

The "peace mission," organised by the Church Missionary Society to the wild Caledon Bay aborigines, among whom a number of Japanese fishermen lost their lives during the summer, is now well on its way to Thursday Island, off Cape York, the northernmost promontory of Queensland. The Rev. H. E. Warren is in charge of the party, which will sail from Thursday Island to Caledon Bay by lugger.

In an interview with Reuter's correspondent when he passed through Sydney, the Rev. Warren said:—"Our mission marks a new departure in the manner of dealing with the few remaining aborigines in Australia. We propose to go among them unarmed, relying on the power of God to bring peace between them and their white brethren in North Queensland.

"The Caledon Bay natives," he added, "are the fiercest in the north; but the Japanese who were killed recently were not murdered. They were killed in straight warfare by those who were defending their homes, families and honour. In 1925 Sir Hubert Wilkins and I went into the country and were hospitably received."

THREE CENTENARIANS.

LONGEVITY ASSISTED BY PLUM BRANDY.

The total age of three centenarians living in one district near Osek, in Slovenia, Czecho-Slovakia, is 325 years.

The youngest of the three, Josif Bako, has celebrated his hundredth birthday (writes Reuter). He has 114 living descendants, and hopes to see his hundredth great-grandchild born before he dies.

The next is Kata Putzenitch, with 110 years. She still reads the newspapers, and has a new set of teeth, which she began to grow some years ago.

Manda Hrvojevitch, the third, is 115 years old, and claims to have changed her teeth three times. Her tip for old age is plum brandy, which she takes every day.

ACADEMY OF CHRISTIAN ART.

Mr. Maurice McGonigal, R.H.A., the well-known Irish artist and portrait painter, has been elected a member of the Academy of Christian Art. At the next meeting of the Academy, which is to be held on January 11th, 1934, Mr. Henry Morris, the noted archæologist, will read a paper on the Iconography of St. Patrick. The paper will be a study of the known representations of the national apostle, and the various conventions observed by different artists at different times. One of the most important depictions of the saint was discovered by Mr. Henry Morris in County Louth some years ago. Mr. Morris is also the author of a valuable work on the activities of St. Patrick in County Sligo.

SUGAR-BEET INDUSTRY.

IRISH FUEL IN ALL FACTORIES.

FINANCING THE NEW SCHEME.

IRISH fuel is already being used at the Carlow beet factory, and boilers are being installed at the three new beet factories which will be fired entirely on Castlecomer coal, states an article on the "Beet Sugar Industry in An Saorstat," which appears in the December issue of the *Irish Trade Journal.*

The articles says that of the total cost of production the whole, except what is paid for imported fuel and interest and sinking fund on capital cost of imported machinery, will be retained in this country. The cost of the three additional factories will involve an expenditure on foreign-made plant of about £600,000. Allowing 12 per cent. for interest, sinking fund and depreciation, this item would amount to £72,000. In addition £80,000 would be required for imported fuel unless Irish fuel is used.

This total of £152,000 must be set off against the sugar, which, if imported, would cost £800,000. The manufacture of the whole of our sugar supplies will, therefore, result in the retention at home of a net amount of over £600,000, an amount which must be increased by the value of Irish fuel used. Moreover, there are the further advantages that the land will be tilled more remuneratively, and that there will be a considerable amount of employment given in the factories.

During the off-season there will be permanent employment for almost 700 additional hands, and during the campaign employment will be found for 2,600 workers. Expenditure on wages to industrial workers, both seasonal and permanent, on the conveyance of beet to the factory, on bags and filter cloths, all of which can be manufactured in the country, and on limestone, will amount to considerably more than £500,000 for the four factories, including the existing one.

20,000 TONS A YEAR.

Since its foundation, the average annual output of the Carlow sugar factory, except in 1931-32, has been about 20,000 tons. Experience acquired since its establishment (says the writer) has proved that our soil and agricultural aptitudes and methods are admirably adapted to the production of sugar beet. The following figures show the average sugar content and yield per acre of beet grown for Carlow:—

Year.	Percentage sugar content %	Yield per acre Tons.
1926	17.3	9.1
1927	16.7	7.6
1928	17.0	8.5
1929	17.5	10.9
1930	17.6	11.1
1931	17.4	7.0
1932	18.5	11.0

The subsidy so far paid to the Carlow factory, both direct and in the form of Customs protection, has been in the neighbourhood of £400,000 per annum. If the new factories were to be run on the same basis between £1,500,000 and £2,000,000 a year would have to be provided as a subsidy. The new company will not have the advantage of the same amount of assistance as the owners of the Carlow factory have hitherto received, but reduced working costs, lower prices for beet, economies in operation, and smaller dividends will help to adjust the balance.

VETERINARY COLLEGE OF IRELAND.

SUCCESSES AT RECENT EXAMINATIONS.

The following students of the Veterinary College of Ireland were successful in the recent examinations held in Dublin by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons:—

Final Professional Examination (awarded diploma of M.R.C.V.S.)—D. J. Allen. Exempted from further examination in Medicine—G. J. Crawford.

Third Professional Examination—Michael Herlihy, R. E. Hirtes, D. N. O'Neill, D. M. Stewart, G. A. Keatinge. Exempted from further examination in Materia Medica and Veterinary Hygiene—G. A. Adams, J. M. Farrell, G. S. Forbes. Exempted from further examination in Pathology and Veterinary Hygiene—John White.

Second Professional Examination—A. D. Doherty, Edmond O'Donnell, P. G. Redmond. Exempted from further examination in Stable Management and Anatomy—William Baker, D. O. Dodd.

First Professional Examination—L. F. Doyle, William Crilly. Exempted from further examination in Chemistry—H. J. Jackson. Exempted from further examination in Chemistry and Biology—D. D. Hyde, Patrick O'Hagan.

CHARTERED SURVEYORS.

FREE STATE BRANCH MEETING.

A meeting of the Irish Free State branch of the Chartered Surveyors' Institution was held at their offices, 110 Grafton street, Dublin, on Thursday. Mr. T. Loftus Townshend (chairman) presided, and there were also present:—Mr. A. Edward Smith (vice-chairman), Mr. Ernest J. Anthony, Captain Willington Molony, Mr. C. A. Fentum, Mr. W. Power-Steele, Mr. Henry A. Vernon, Mr. J. Graves Clayton, Mr. John Ryan, Mr. R. J. A. Jameson, and the Secretary, Mr. B. J. Newcombe.

Mr. Harry Franks, F.S.I., was again nominated as Irish Free State branch representative for election to the Council of the Institution.

The arrangements for the holding of the preliminary and special test examinations on the 15th and 16th January, 1934, were completed, and a large number of applications from candidates to sit for the professional examinations in March, 1934, were examined and approved.

The revision of the by-law of the Institution, which is to be completed early next year, was referred to a sub-committee to deal with.

Correspondence dealt with included questions relating to claims for income tax and surtax in connection with compounded arrears added to purchase money under the Land Purchase Act, 1923.

The Committee then adjourned until the 18th January, 1934.

DUBLIN STUDENT'S DEATH.

The Dublin City Coroner (Dr. D. A. McErlean) and a jury opened and adjourned an inquest at Jervis Street Hospital, Dublin, yesterday into the death of Mr. Redmond Powell (19), a student, of 42 Iona Crescent, Dublin, who was knocked down and killed by a motor car on last Thursday night.

Mr. Michael Powell identified the body as that of his brother. Medical evidence, given by Dr. O'Hanrahan, showed that death was due to shock and hemorrhage, following injuries which he described.

FUNERAL OF MR. B. J. HOEY.

The funeral of Mr. Bernard Joseph Hoey, 13 Everton terrace, Old Cabra road, Dublin, took place yesterday, after 10 o'clock Mass, from the Church of the Holy Family, Aughrim street, to Glasnevin Cemetery. The chief mourners were:—Mr. D. P. and Mrs. Hoey (parents), Mr. John V. and Mr. Denis P. Hoey (brothers), Mr. J. J. Murphy (uncle), Miss T. Murphy (aunt), Mr. J. Keys and Mrs. Keys (cousins).

The clergy present were:—The Very Rev. Father Morris, S.J., Rector, Belvedere College; the Rev. Father Coyle, S.J., the Rev. Father White, S.J.; the Rev. Father Byrne, S.J.; the Rev. Father McSweeney, C.C., Aughrim street, and the Rev. Father Kelly, O.D.C.

Among those present were:—Miss A. Hunt, Dr. Conn Murphy, Mr. H. W. Shea. Messrs. Dockrell, Ltd., were represented by Messrs. T. Doyle, G. Woods, L. Gilbert, J. Gill, E. Brennan, W. de Renzy, L. Ingoldsby. Also present were:—Messrs. H. Burleigh, Eamonn Fleming, Robert Gray, W. H. Palmer, W. McLoughlin, M. O'Kane, P. O'Kane, Captain V. McMahon, J. Donohoe, G. Ellis, C. Ryder, J. Geraghty, Mrs. Kavanagh, P. and J. Kavanagh, Miss K. Nellan, Messrs. W. Tate, J. Reardon, T. J. Smith, A. McLeary, and T. Boyle.

Wreaths were laid on the grave and presented by Mr. H. W. Shea, and the staffs of Messrs. Dockrell, Ltd., and Messrs. Switzers.

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IRISHMAN'S DIARY.

The Oldest School : A Card from Cairo : Solenoid. A Plethora of Bananas : Lady Nelson.

A Cairo Christmas Card.

Yesterday I received a letter and a regimental Christmas card from my friend, Captain "Jim" McCaffrey, M.C., who is serving with the Royal Tank Corps at Cairo. Many Irishmen who were with him in 1916, when he was a cadet in the famous "Devil's Own" (Inns of Court Officers' Training Corps) will be glad to know that he is enjoying his second term of foreign service in the East. He held a regular commission in the 1st Leinsters, and when this famous old Irish regiment was disbanded he was transferred to the Royal Tank Corps. Before going to Egypt last July he spent four years at the Mechanical Warfare Experimental Establishment at Farnborough.

Bananas in Excelsis.

How would you like to be compelled to eat two bananas, and occasionally four, every day for six days of the week? This is what one of the characters in "Laburnum Grove," Mr. J. B. Priestley's new play, now running in London, has had allotted to him by the author. His consumption of bananas seems somehow in consonance with his temperament, and so he is compelled to eat two at each performance, which means four per day when there is a *matinée*.

The feat sounds easy, but I am reminded of an old wager which has frequently been put to the test in sporting circles in the North of England. The bet is that a man will eat a little pigeon pie every day for a month. To dispose of such a delicacy seems simple, but after a few days the stomach rebels against the constant repetition, and inevitably the one who wagers to perform the feat loses his money. One wonders how Mr. Priestley's character will progress if the piece has a long run in London.

Solenoid.

I hear Mrs. C. L. Mackean has sold that unlucky horse, Solenoid. This horse, foaled in 1929, is by Soldennis from Shannon Jug. Though he won the Stewards' Cup at Goodwood and the Ayr Gold Cup, and was second in the "Lincoln," he got into the habit of only being placed so often instead of winning that he had come to be regarded as a modern "Yellow Jack"—an animal who was a very good horse, but was very unlucky. Solenoid was withdrawn at the December Sales at 1,750 guineas, having failed to reach the reserve. He has now been purchased by H. L. Cottrill on behalf of one of his patrons. Mrs. Mackean and her husband are a pair of the most consistent supporters of Irish racing we have on the Turf at present. They are Northerners, and last season sent some horses to be trained in England.

Lady Nelson.

I met Lady Nelson yesterday in the thick of the shopping scrum. Since she has taken over the Kildonan "aero" enterprise and established the Everson Flying Services, she seems to have lived in the air flying about from one place to the other. Curiously enough, she tells me that she has had a bad fall out hunting recently, which rather indicates the safety of the air as compared with other sporting activities. She is spending Christmas holidays at Kildonan, and is offering special attractions to the children in the way of flights on Boxing Day. She has already launched a flying service for children.

The Oldest School in Ireland.

A correspondent writes:—Some time ago Foyle College, Londonderry, was mentioned in the "Diary" as being the oldest public school in Ireland, and reference was made to the Royal Schools of Ulster, which were founded in connection with the Plantation. Having been educated at one of them—namely, Portora—my interest was naturally aroused. Each of the planted counties had its own school for the education of the sons of the new settlers at Armagh, Dungannon, Cavan, Raphoe and Newtown Butler. Of these Dungannon, if I am not mistaken, was founded first in 1614, and so takes precedence over Foyle, which was not founded until three years later. All these schools, with the exception of Raphoe, are flourishing still. Old as the Royal Schools are, however, Kilkenny College, founded in the sixteenth century and now controlled by the Incorporated Society, is generally acknowledged as being the oldest school in Ireland.

Portora.

Fermanagh Royal School, founded in 1618, was originally housed at Castle Balfour, near Newtown Butler, but, following a dispute concerning the ownership of this property, it was moved to Enniskillen, where it continued for some time in a building adjacent to St. Macartan's Parish Church. Early in the eighteenth century it moved to its present site in the townland of Portora outside the town.

Standing high on a hill overlooking Lough Erne, Portora can claim to be the most beautifully-situated school in the country. To the north is a view of the lower lake, with its green islets and the hills of Donegal beyond. The limestone mountains of Leitrim and the shaggy uplands of Tyrone can all be seen on a clear day. The island town lies at its feet.

By the end of the eighteenth century Portora had grown to be more than a county school, and boys came there from all parts of Ireland. Among those Portorans who have made her name famous was Henry Francis Lyte, author of "Abide With Me." That famous old Dublin street ballad, "The Night Before Larry Was Stretched," was written by the Rev. J. Burrowes, for many years headmaster of the school. They say he lost a bishop's mitre as a result.

Too Much to Expect.

I have just heard the following story of a little girl, aged eight, who was brought to a toy-shop on her birthday to select a doll. The saleswoman produced one which could say "Mamma" and "Papa," but the little girl was not impressed. Another specimen, which could roll its eyes in various directions, also left her unmoved. At length the attendant displayed a doll which she said would ejaculate "Oh" when fitted with a new dress, and the prospective recipient began to show some signs of interest. "I wonder," she inquired, "whether you happen to have a doll that will cry when she is not fitted with a new dress?"

QUIDNUNC.

ASPECTS OF CHRISTMAS.

ORDEAL OF SHOP ASSISTANTS.

DRAWBACKS OF "GREEN" FESTIVAL.

By a Special Correspondent.

MILLIONS of people at this festive season find their greatest joy in the consoling motto, "Christmas comes but once a year."

I am not referring to your dismal friend who, when you wish him a happy Christmas, for no apparent reason responds with an unhappy: "Wish it was all over." I am not referring to the poor or the lonely who, with much greater justification, are oppressed by the mockery of a season of fellowship in which they are unable to share, nor am I referring to those to whom Christmas comes as an anniversary and a reminder of sad events.

What I am referring to is that huge class of workers for whom the days that lead up to Christmas are days of mental and bodily strain, as the result of constant overwork. These are the people who minister to all the abnormal requirements of a festively-disposed public whose consuming powers for a few short weeks have been multiplied ten-fold.

Think of the shop assistants who have to cope with the terrific rush to the shops during the week that precedes Christmas. Severe as the strain is on many of the producing trades, it falls heavier as a rule on the distributors, for whom the extra work cannot be spread over so long a period. For the men and women behind the counters of the big stores, breathlessly struggling with their boxes of wares and displaying the contents to seemingly endless queues of customers from early morning until late at night, it is a testing time for tempers. Speed and accuracy are essential as they tot up the figures of each purchase with the impatient swarm clamouring for attention.

It matters little what goods they stock—drapery, clothing, foodstuffs, jewellery, or fancy articles. The stationery shops are being besieged by their hosts in search of calendars and Christmas cards, who may spend little but require much attention. In some cases there are additional complications to worry and perplex.

THE POULTERER.

The poulterer, for instance, has to gauge to a nicety the appetites of his turkey-consuming public. Let him stock twice the number of birds that his customers require, and the quantity that is left on his hands over the holiday period, or, alternatively, sold at "give-away" prices on Christmas Eve, will gobble up all the profits that he has made on those that have been satisfactorily disposed of. Should he not possess cold storage facilities, he will need to be not only a fair judge of the public's consuming capacity, but a weather prophet to boot; for he must decide if it will be safe to keep a few of his unsold stock over the holiday or if he must sacrifice them for whatever they will fetch. A "white" Christmas will suit him, but a "green" Christmas will prove a black Christmas if he has any birds in store.

Similar foresight is essential on the part of those who for weeks before Christmas comes have been working all day and far into the night mixing hundred-weights of raisins and currants with sugar and flour and all the other ingredients that go to form the Christmas pudding, and coating thousands of cakes with almond paste and icing sugar; for these dainties, delectable as they are at one season of the year, rapidly degenerate into a drug on the market when that season has gone.

THE STAFF OF LIFE.

The men who make the bread have also a similar problem, for they have to bake sufficient to supply their customers with several days' requirements at a time when appetites for the staff of life are a capricious quantity. Their troubles in this regard are shared by the bread-server, who leaves the loaves at your door, and who has to travel his daily round with double or treble loads, advising timid housewives who are themselves unable to judge what their requirements will be.

Often he has to face the added discomfort which the weather at such times of the year is prone to provide—a trial which is shared by the postman, who, like the sorters at the Post Office, is overwhelmed by the deluge of good wishes which a benevolently-disposed public is showering upon its friends. His discomforts, too, are offset by only a strictly limited holiday respite—though in this respect he is better off than the dairyman, whose cows observe neither high days nor holidays.

CLERKS.

Unlike the bank clerk, whose period of extra work begins after Christmas and not before—with the half-yearly "balancing" which marks the arrival of the new year—there are thousands of clerks in the offices of manufacturing and distributing concerns who lay down their pens late on Christmas Eve with a feeling that after weeks of strenuous battle with processions of facts and figures they have earned their two or three days' respite. Then there are the transport workers: railwaymen, 'busmen, and the men on short-distance steamers, for whom this time of the year means catering for mobile armies, animate and inanimate. Moreover, with skeleton services to be maintained even on Christmas Day itself, they may not be able to celebrate release with their families.

The list could be prolonged far enough to fill a blue book with the multifarious occupations of men and women—hotel and restaurant workers, footballers, musicians, persons engaged in all sorts of entertainment enterprises, and Customs officials, to mention only a few, for whom the season of good cheer also is a season of hard work. Lest we should be disposed to pity them too much, however, let it be remembered that for all of them it "brings grist to the mill," and, above all, that Christmas is one of the best antidotes to a rise in the unemployment figures.

ON THE WIRELESS

Daily Programme Review.

TO-DAY.

DUBLIN: "Exile," Christmas Play. Mai Neville and Co., 8.30.

BELFAST: Queen's Island Male Voice Choir, 6.45.

B.B.C., NATIONAL: "The Kentucky Minstrels," 8.0.

REGIONAL: Keith Falkner (baritone) and Moiseiwitsch (pianoforte), 9.15.

GERMAN STATIONS: "Hansel and Gretel" (Humperdinck), 6.0.

PRAGUE: "The Land of Smiles" (Lehar), 7.0.

AS is to be expected, Christmas music will take up a large part of the time of all stations' broadcasts to-night. From Athlone, besides those seasonal numbers which will be contained in the musical items, there will be heard a play of Christmas Eve, entitled "Exiles." This is very short, taking only about half an hour to perform, and will be presented by Miss Mai Madden and her company.

The Yorkshire Radio Players will perform a nativity play, which has been adapted for broadcasting and is based on a number of the York Miracle plays, at 8.40, through the B.B.C. North Regional. The play will be produced in the Crypt of York Minster and relayed through the station. Two pantomime items figure in the Scottish Regional list. At 7.30 a "Recollection" of old successes will be given by the Variety Theatre Orchestra and soloists. At 8 o'clock excerpts from "Aladdin" will be relayed from the Theatre Royal, Edinburgh.

Chimes, which are associated in the minds of most people with this season, will be heard from a number of German stations, and those of Zurich churches will be broadcast through Beromünster at six o'clock. Berlin and Copenhagen will give programmes of Christmas music, and operas will be heard from Langenberg ("La Traviata") and Turin ("L'Elisis d'Amore").

TO-MORROW.

BELFAST: Hastings Municipal Orchestra, 9.45.

B.B.C., NATIONAL: Carol Services, 9.20.

REGIONAL: Bach's Christmas Oratorio, 9.20.

FOREIGN STATIONS: Bells of Bethlehem, 8.0.

PROBABLY the greatest interest in Sunday's programmes will be evoked by the B.B.C. world broadcast of the Bells of the Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem, at 8 o'clock. This will be relayed by all the British stations and Athlone, and forms a part of a general relay of "The Story of Christmas" from London, New York, and Winchester Cathedral.

Belfast will derive its programme from the National station by relay, except for a few small items.

In the performance of Bach's Christmas Oratorio, which will be heard through the B.B.C. North and Scottish Regionals, Elsie Suddaby (soprano), Gladys Ripley (contralto), Eric Greene (tenor), and William Parsons (bass) will be the soloists.

A festival of nine lessons and carols will be relayed at 3.30 from the King's College Chapel, Cambridge. The reader at the festival will be the Provost.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMMES.

DUBLIN, ATHLONE AND CORK—413 Metres (60 Kw.).

1.30-2.30—Time, Stock Exchange List, Weather and Gramaphone. 6.0—Gramaphone. 6.45—News. 7.0—"Do You Remember," Dora Sheridan. 7.15—Gaedhilg. 7.30—Time.

7.30—Pianoforte Recital, Claud Biggs. 7.55—Station Orchestra, La Farandole. 8.15—Joan Barke (contralto): Carol (Lyon), The Frost-bound Wood (Warlock), For Remembrance (Beasly), Bethlehem (Brockt), Hymn on the Nativity (Brown). 8.30—Mai Neville and Company, "Exile," a Drama of Christmas Eve. 9.0—Anna Heffernan (soprano): The Gift (Behrend), The Star Eternal (Loewe), The Birth of Morn (Leoni), Toytown (Monckton). 9.15—P. J. O'Toole (tenor). 9.30—Sponsored Programme. 10.30—Time, News, Weather. 10.40—Val Vousden, Entertainer. 10.50—Mike Nono, Songs at Piano. 11.0—Close down.

BELFAST—242.3 Metres (1,238 Kc.) (1 Kw.).

10.15—The Daily Service. 10.30—National Programme. 5.15—Children's Hour. 6.0—News. 6.30—National Programme.

6.45—The Queen's Island Male Voice Choir. 7.5—National Programme. 9.0—News. 9.30—National Programme. 9.35—Fred. Hartley and his Novelty Quintet, with Cavan O'Connor. 10.30-12.0—Dance Music.

NORTH REGIONAL—480 Metres (625 Kc.) (50 Kw.).

10.15—The Daily Service. 10.30—National Programme. 5.15—Children's Hour. 6.0—News. 6.30—The Wireless Military Band; Andrew Clayton (tenor). 7.30—James Bell (organ). 8.0—"Christmas Abroad" (Gramaphone). 8.25—"On the Nativity," a reading from the works of Lancelot Andrewes. 8.40—A Nativity Play, by James R. Gregson. 9.15—Keith Falkner (baritone), Moiseiwitsch (pianoforte). 10.15—News. 10.30-12.0—Dance Music.

NATIONAL—1,554.4 Metres (193 Kc.). (30 Kw.).

10.15—The Daily Service. 10.30—Weather. 10.45—11.0—"The Frugal Housewife." 12.0—Western Studio Orchestra. 12.45—Dance Music (Gramaphone). 1.15—The Commodore Grand Orchestra. 2.15—A Peter Pan Programme (Gramaphone). 3.0—Harold Ramsay (organ). 3.30—The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra. 4.30—"First Time Here," a Tea-Time Entertainment by Artistes new to the Microphone. 5.15—Children's Hour. 6.0—News. 6.25—Interlude. 6.30—Sports Talk: Mr. Reginald Arkell, "Tea Trays and Toboggans." 6.45—Will Hay, "The Welshman keeping Festival." 7.5-7.25—"Anywhere for a News Story," XIII; Mr. J. L. Hodson, "Interviewing the High and the Low." 7.30—"In Town To-Night," a Topical Supplement to the Week's Programmes. 8.0—"The Kentucky Minstrels," a Nigger Minstrel Show. 9.0—News. 9.30—Sports Bulletin. 9.35—Fred Hartley and his Novelty Quintet, with Cavan O'Connor. 10.30—"The Wise Men," by G. K. Chesterton, read by Nesta Sawyer. 10.35-12.0—Dance Music.

SCOTTISH REGIONAL — 376.4 Metres (797 Kc.) (50 Kw.).

10.15—The Daily Service. 10.30—National Programme. 5.15—Children's Hour. 6.0—News. 6.30—An Eye-Witness's Account, by Captain Robert Scott, of the Scottish League Match, Ayr United v. Aberdeen. 6.40—The Grangemouth Philomel Choir. 7.10—Mr. George Blake, "The Week in Scotland." 7.30—"Those were the Days," a recollection of some Pantomime Successes of Bygone Years.

8.0—Excerpts from the Pantomime "Aladdin," from the Theatre Royal, Edinburgh. 9.15—Keith Falkner (baritone), Moiseiwitsch (pianoforte). 10.15—News. 10.30-12.0—Dance Music.

ON THE CONTINENT.

BERLIN (Deutschlandsender)—1,635 Metres (60 Kw.).

4.30—Gramaphone. 5.20—Christmas Music. 5.45—Chimes from Bremen Cathedral. 6.0—Transmission for all German Stations, from Munich: "Hansel and Gretel," Opera (Humperdinck). 8.0—Concert from Leipzig. 10.0—Orchestral Concert from Munich.

COPENHAGEN—281 Metres (0.75 Kw.). **KALUNDBORG—1,153.8 Metres** (30 Kw.).

7.1—Danish Opera Music by the Radio Orchestra. 7.40—Reading and Songs. 8.20—Danish Folk Music by the Radio Orchestra. 9.5—Danish Duets. 9.30—Classical Christmas Music. 10.0—Dance Music. 11.0—Time and Chimes, from the Town Hall.

HEILSBERG—276.5 Metres (60 Kw.).

3.0—Orchestral Concert. 6.0—See Berlin. 7.5—Musical Programme from Hamburg. 9.30—Dance Music from Hamburg. 11.0—Dance Music from the Haus Siegler, Hamburg.

LANGENBERG—473 Metres (60. Kw.).

3.0—Concert: I., Gramaphone. II., Chamber Music. 4.20—Concert. 6.0—See Berlin. 8.0—Musical Variety from Frankfurt. 9.45—Gramaphone. 10.0—Concert by the Station Orchestra, conducted by Kuhn. 11.0—"La Traviata," opera in three acts (Verdi), by the cast of the Scala Milan (Gramaphone).

LEIPZIG—389.6 Metres (120 Kw.).

3.0—German and Scandinavian Folk Dances. 4.10—Concert of Light Music. 4.50—Christmas Carols from Breslau. 6.0—See Berlin. 7.10—The Leipzig Symphony Orchestra. 9.35—Orchestral Concert from Munich.

PARIS (Eiffel Tower) — 1,445.7 Metres (13 Kw.).

7.30—Dramatic Programme. 8.30—Christmas Concert, relayed from Rennes (271.5 m.).

PRAGUE—488.6 Metres (120 Kw.).

3.0—Concert by the Studio Orchestra, relayed from Moravska-Ostrava (263.8 m.). 4.25—Gramaphone. 4.50—Gramaphone. 6.25—Marches and Folk Dances from Brno (342 m.). 7.0—"The Land of Smiles," Operetta (Lehar), relayed from Bratislava (279.5 m.). 9.15—Variety, from Moravska-Ostrava.

ROME—441 Metres (50 Kw.) and **NAPLES—319 Metres.**

4.0—Orchestral Concert. 6.30—Gramaphone. 7.10—Gramaphone. 7.40—Light Music. 8.45—Orchestra and Soloists—Variety Music.

SCHWEIZERISCHER LANDESSENDER (Beromunster)—459 Metres (60 Kw.), **BASLE—244.1 Metres, and BERNE—245.9 Metres.**

3.0 (from Berne)—A Village Orchestra. 3.45—Concert, from Lugano. 6.0—Chimes from Zurich Churches. 6.20 (from Basle)—Gramaphone. 7.30 (from Basle)—The Basle Orchestral Society. 9.15 (from Basle)—Dance Music.

STUTTGART (Muhlacker)—533 Metres (100 Kw.).

2.30—Choral Concert. 3.0—Concert, from Langenberg. 4.20—Concert, from Langenberg. 6.0—See Berlin. 7.10—"Die heilige Nacht," Christmas Play, from Frankfurt. 8.0—Musical Variety, from Frankfurt. 9.45—Gramaphone, from Langenberg. 10.0—The Station Orchestra, from Langenberg. 11.0—"La Traviata," Opera (Verdi) (Gramaphone), from Langenberg.

TURIN—273.7 Metres (7 Kw.), **TRIESTE—247.7 Metres** (10 Kw.), and **MILAN—332.2 Metres** (50 Kw.).

4.10—Chamber Music (Gramaphone). 6.40—Gramaphone. 7.0—Gramaphone. 4.0—"L'elisir d'amore," Opera in Three Acts (Donizetti).

VIENNA—517.2 Metres (100 Kw.).

4.25—Gramaphone. 6.0—Concert by the Vienna Symphony Orchestra. 7.45—"Christennacht," Cantata (Joseph Haas): The Viennese Symphony Orchestra, the Dreizehnlinden Choral Society and Soloists.

SUNDAY'S PROGRAMMES.

DUBLIN, ATHLONE AND CORK—413 Metres (60 Kw.).

1.0-2.0—Sponsored Programme. 2.0-3.0—Gramaphone. 3.0-4.0—Sponsored Programme.

8.0—Relay of Bells from the Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem. 8.15—St. Francis Xavier's Choir: Christmas Carols. 8.45—Station Orchestra: Looking Backwards (H. Finck), Xmas Suite (Holiender). 9.15—Hubert Valentine (tenor). 9.30—Nativity Play, "And the Light Shineth in Darkness" (G. Fallon), Incidental Music by Dr. V. O'Brien. (The play produced by the author.) 10.10—Sports Talk: Sean O Ceallachain. 10.20—P. J. Duffy (baritone), Christmas Songs. 10.35—Seasonable Music (Gramaphone). 11.0—Time, News, Weather, and close down.

BELFAST—242.3 Metres (1,238 Kc.) (1 Kw.).

12.30—National Programme. 9.0—An appeal on behalf of the Cripples' Institutes by Mr. Archibald Irwin, J.P., General Secretary. 9.5—News. 9.20—National Programme.

9.45—The Hastings Municipal Orchestra, Robert Easton (Bass). 10.45—Epilogue.

NORTH REGIONAL—480 Metres (625 Kc.), 50 Kw.

12.30—The Creswell Colliery Band. Wilfrid Pickering (Baritone). 1.30—National Programme. 4.45—The Leeds XXV. String Orchestra. Kathleen Frise-Smith (Pianoforte). 5.45—The Band of His Majesty's Grenadier Guards. Joseph Farrington (Bass). 6.45-7.45—The B.B.C. Theatre Orchestra. 8.0—National Programme.

8.15—A Catholic Service, relayed from the Servite Church, Fulham road. 9.0—An appeal on behalf of the Manchester Babies Hospital. 9.5—News. 9.20—Bach's Christmas Oratorio, Parts I., II. and III. Conducted by Charles Kennedy-Scott. 10.45—Epilogue.

NATIONAL—1,554.4 Metres (193 Kc.) (30 Kw.).

10.30-10.45—Time, Weather. 12.30—North Regional Programme. 1.30—W. H. Squire (Violoncello). 2.0—Gramaphone Records: Christopher Stone. 2.45—The Gershom Parkington Quintet. 3.30—A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols in King's College Chapel, Cambridge. 4.45—For the Children. 5.5—G. D. Cunningham (Organ). 5.30—Missionary Talk: "Christmas in Bethlehem," by the Right Reverend the Bishop of Jerusalem, O.B.E., D.D. 5.45—The London String Players. Clifford Curzon (Pianoforte). 7.0—Reading from Classical Literature. 7.30—Adila Fachiri (Violin).

8.0—World Broadcast of "The Bells of Bethlehem," the Story of the First Christmas. Told in relays from London, New York, Winchester Cathedral and the Church of the Nativity of Bethlehem. 8.15—Service from Winchester Cathedral. 9.0—An appeal on behalf of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester, by the Very Reverend the Dean of Rochester, D.D. 9.5—News. 9.20—A Carol Service by Members of the Wireless Choir and the Wireless Military Band. 9.45—The Hastings Municipal Orchestra. Robert Easton (Bass). 10.45—Epilogue.

SCOTTISH REGIONAL—376.4 Metres (797 Kc.) (50 Kw.).

12.30—National Programme. 4.45—Memories: The B.B.C. Orchestra. Ben Davies (Tenor). 5.45—The Band of His Majesty's Grenadier Guards. 6.45-7.45—"Round the Country," a Programme from the three Broadcasting Stations of Scotland. 8.0—Daventry Programme. 8.15—Service from the Studio. 9.0—An appeal on behalf of Children's Hospitals in Scotland, by Professor John Fraser, M.D., F.R.C.S. 9.5—News.

9.20—Bach's Christmas Oratorio, Parts I., II. and III. 10.45—Epilogue.

ON THE CONTINENT.

BERLIN (Deutschlandsender)—1,635 Metres (60 Kw.).

10.30—Bach Cantata, from Leipzig. 11—Concert, from Munich. 12.30—Music for Horns. 1—Radio Sequence, with Children's Choir. 1.30—Wind Band. 2.30—Capella Choir. 5—Christmas Programme. 8.15—Cathedral Bells, from Leipzig. 10—Musical Programme. 11—Christmas Mass, from Leipzig.

BUDAPEST—550.5 Metres (120 Kw.).

(Also relayed on 840 m. from 6.30 p.m.-close down.)

11.30—Opera House Orchestra. 1—Gramaphone. 2.50—Songs for Children. 4.40—Orchestral Concert. 5.30—Talk, with gramaphone. 6—Chimes. 8—Relay of the B.B.C. Broadcast of the Bells of Bethlehem. 11—Midnight Mass.

COPENHAGEN—281 Metres (0.75 Kw.), and **KALUNDBORG 1,153.8 Metres** (30 Kw.).

11.5—Louis Preil's Ensemble. 1.30—The Radio Orchestra. 3.30—Christmas Service from Copenhagen Cathedral. 4—Gramaphone. 6.30—Christmas Carols, Address, and Chimes. 7.2—Christmas Concert, with Organ and Violin Selections and Songs. 8—B.B.C. Broadcast, relayed from Bethlehem. 8.15—Christmas Concert.

HILVERSUM—296.1 Metres.

7 Kw. up to 5.40 p.m.; 20 Kw. from 5.40.

12.10—Light Orchestral Music. 2.40—Gramaphone: Light Music. 4.10—The Station Orchestra. 5.25—Light Music. 6.10—The V.A.R.A. Orchestra. 6.40—Christmas Programme for Children. 8—Relay of the B.B.C. Broadcast of the Bells of Bethlehem. 8.15—A Nativity Play, with Music. 9.30—Bach Recital. 9.50—The Wireless Orchestra. 10.45—Records of Christmas Carols of all Countries. 11.10—Christmas Programme.

LANGENBERG—473 Metres (60 Kw.).

10.30—Bach Cantata relayed from Leipzig. 11.0—Concert from Frankfurt. 12.15—Quintet Concert. 1.30—Programme for Children. 2.0—Concert by Children. 2.30—Song and Piano Recital. 3.30—"Christkinds Erdenreise"—Children's Opera, in Four Scenes (Kneip). 5.0—German Bells of the Rhine. 5.15—Christmas Carols from Frankfurt. 5.45—Organ Recital from Frankfurt. 7.0—Old Music. 8.15—Christmas Bells, from Leipzig. 9.30—Alpine Christmas Carols from Frankfurt. 10.0—10.30 — Gramaphone, from Stuttgart. 11.0 — Christmas Mass.

LEIPZIG—389.6 Metres (120 Kw.).

10.30—Bach Cantata by the Municipal and Gewandhaus Orchestra, the Choir of St. Thomas and Soloists. 11.0—Orchestral Concert from Munich. 12.30—Old and New Christmas Carols. 1.55—Carols, sung by Children. 3.0—Orchestral Concert from Breslau. 5.45—Gramaphone. 7.0—Organ Recital. 7.25—The One Hundred and Twelfth Psalm, for soprano, mixed choir and orchestra (Handel), from Munich. 8.15—Thirty German Cathedrals ring in Christmas. 9.15—"Die Weihnachtsbotschaft"—Christmas Cantata, for mixed choir, soloist, strings and organ (Simon). 8.45—Gramaphone (Organ Music).

PARIS (Poste Parisien)—328.2 Metres (60 Kw.).

10.0—Gramaphone. 10.30—Gramaphone. 11.0—Gramaphone. 11.30—Popular Concert. 12.15—Selections from Sound Films. 1.30—Gramaphone. 6.15—Special Christmas Carols, arranged by the I.B.C. 8.20—Carols on Gramaphone. 9.20—Christmas Stories, with Orchestral and Choral Music. 11.15—Gramaphone. 11.25—Dance Music (Gramaphone).

PRAGUE—488.6 Metres (120 Kw.).

11.15 — Orchestral Concert. 12.0 — Christmas Carols. 3.0—Sacred Christmas Music. 3.15—Gramaphone: Popular Music. 3.45—Gramaphone. 4.15—German Carols. 7.15—Carillon Recital. 8.0—Relay of the B.B.C. Transmission of the Bells of Bethlehem. 8.15—Poems and Carols from Bratislava (279.5 m.). 9.20—Christmas Mass. 10.15—Organ Recital. 10.55—Christmas Chimes. 11.0—Gregorian Mass.

SCHWEIZERISCHER LANDESSENDER (BEROMUNSTER) — 459 Metres (60 Kw.). **BASLE—244.1 Metres and BERNE—245.9 Metres.**

11.0—Gramaphone, from Basle. 11.40—The Beromunster Orchestra, from Zurich. 1.0—The Basle Zither Quartet, from Zurich. 4.0—The Beromunster Orchestra, from Zurich. 6.5—Gramaphone from Basle. 7.10—Christmas Music on Gramaphone, from Basle. 8.0—Relay of the B.B.C. World Broadcast of the Bells of Bethlehem. 8.15—Christmas Festival, relayed from a church in Basle.

STRASBOURG—345 Metres (11.5 Kw.).

11.0—Gramaphone. 1.1—Opera Music (Gramaphone). 3.0—Symphony Concert, relayed from the Conservatoire, Paris. 5.0—Christmas Carols (Gramaphone). 6.30—Orchestral Concert. 7.45—Gramaphone. 8.30—Chamber Music Concert, with Songs. 11.45—Chimes, Te Deum and Midnight Mass from Strasbourg Cathedral.

STUTTGART (Muhlacker)—533 Metres (100 Kw.).

10.30—Bach Cantata from Leipzig. 11.0—Concert from Frankfurt. 12.30—New Gramaphone Records. 2.0—Concert by Children, relayed from Frankfurt. 2.30—Song and Piano Recital from Langenberg. 3.30—"Christkinds Erdenreise": Children's Opera, in four scenes (Kneip), relayed from Langenberg. 5.15—Christmas Carols from Frankfurt. 5.45—Organ Recital from Frankfurt. 7.0—Old Music from Langenberg. 8.15—Cathedral Bells from Leipzig. 9.25—Alpine Christmas Carols from Frankfurt. 10.30—Records of Christmas Music. 11.0—Christmas Mass from Langenberg.

TURIN—273.7 Metres (7 Kw.), relayed by **MILAN—332.2 Metres** (50 Kw.) and **TRIESTE—247.7 Metres** (10 Kw.).

11.30—Gramaphone. 11.45—Orchestral Concert. 2.30—Gramaphone. 2.45—Choral Concert. 4.0—Concert. 6.15—Gramaphone. 7.0—Gramaphone. 7.40—"The Christmas Carol" (Nelly Nelson), Musical Play. 8.0—Christmas Concert. 9.30—"The Birth of Jesus" (Vitali), for Soloists, Choir and Orchestra. 10.5—Christmas Carols.

MONDAY'S PROGRAMMES.

DUBLIN, ATHLONE, and CORK—413 Metres.

7.30—Artane Brass and Reed Band. 8.15—P. S. O'Connor Duffy—Christmas Stories and Verses. 8.35—The Noel Quartet and Joseph O'Neill (tenor). 8.50—Yuletide Instrumental Quartette. 9.20—Relay of Christmas Greetings to America. 9.35—Henry Fraser and Company—"Home Ties" (W. Huntley Adams). 10.5—The Noel Quartet. 10.15—Yuletide Instrumental Quartette. 10.30—Ceilidhe Numbers by the Noel Quartet, with Seamus MacAonghusa (pipes) and Frank O'Higgins (trad. fiddle). 11.0—Time Signal, weather forecast and close down.

NORTH REGIONAL—480 Metres (625 Kc.) (50 Kw.).

10.0-11.45—National Programme. 7.45—The Wireless Military Band and Norman Allin (bass). 9.0—Solomon: Pianoforte Recital.

9.25—"Heigh Ho, the Holly": Leaves from a Winter Album. 10.25—Weather. 10.30-12.0—Dance Music.

NATIONAL—1,554.4 Metres (193 Kc.) (30 Kw.).

10.0—Service, from Christ Church, Oxford: Very Rev. H. J. White, D.D., Dean of Christ Church. 11.30-11.45—Weather. 12.0—Fred Hartley and his Novelty Quintet, with Cavan O'Connor. 1.0—Scottish Regional Programme. 2.0—"Absent Friends," a Programme of Christmas Greetings broadcast through the Empire, ending with a speech by the King. 3.0—Callender's Band and Victor Harding (Bass-Baritone). 4.15—Variety: Gramaphone. 5.15—Children's Hour. 6.0—Time. 6.15—The Walford Hyden Magyar Orchestra: Old-Fashioned Dances. 7.15—Variety. 7.45—Christmas Pantomime, "Sinbad." 9.0—Time and Weather. 9.5—Appeal on Behalf of the British Wireless for the Blind Fund, by the Right Hon. David Lloyd George, O.M., M.P. 9.20—Act Two of "The Mikado," by the Principals of Chorus of the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company. 10.30—Stanzas from "The Hymn to the Nativity" by John Milton, read by Felix Aylmer. 10.35-12.0—Dance Music.

SCOTTISH REGIONAL—376.4 Metres (797 Kc.) (50 Kw.).

11.0—Service, relayed from Paisley Abbey: the Rev. Gutrrie Cooper, D.D. 11.45—Weather. 12.0—National Programme. 1.0—The Scottish Studio Orchestra and Ethel M. McLean (mezzo-soprano). 2.0—National Programme. 5.15—Children's Hour. 6.0—National Programme. 7.45—The Wireless Military Band. 9.0—Solomon: Pianoforte. 9.25—"Heigh Ho, the Holly": Leaves from a Winter Album. 10.25—Weather and Time. 10.30-12.0—Dance Music.

ON THE CONTINENT.

BERLIN (Deutschlandsender) — 1,635 Metres (60 Kw.).

10.30—Bach Cantata, from Leipzig. 11.0—Concert from Hamburg. 12.0—Concert from Breslau. 2.10—Orchestral Concert. 4.0—Relay from St. Mary's Church. 5.0—Variety. 6.30—"Arabella"—Opera (Richard Strauss). 8.35—Variety. 10.0—Dance Music.

BUDAPEST—550.5 Metres (120 Kw.).

7 to Close Down—Programme also relayed on 840 metres.

11.45 a.m.—Concert by the Opera House Orchestra. 1.0 — Gramaphone. 3.0 — Orchestral Concert. 4.40—Christmas Concert by the Choir of St. Stephen's Church and the Municipal Orchestra. 5.40—Talk, with Gramaphone. 6.10—The Kari Bura Cigány Band. 7.30—"The Gipsy Princess"—Operetta in Three Acts (Kálmán). 10.0—The Georg Guttenberg Cigány Band and Paul Kalmar (songs), relayed from the Cafe Ostend.

HEILSBERG—276.5 Metres (60 Kw.).

10.30—Bach Cantata, from Leipzig. 11.0—Concert by the Königsberg Opera House Orchestra, conducted by Brückner. 2.0—Talk on the Singer, Thomas Koschat, with Gramaphone. 3.0—Orchestral Concert. 5.25—Christmas Carols. 6.0—Transmission for all German stations, relayed from Berlin (Funkstunde): Radio Play, with Music. 7.5—Opera and Operetta Concert, from Hamburg. 9.30—Dance Music from Hamburg.

HILVERSUM—296.1 Metres (7 Kw. up to 5.40 p.m., and 20 Kw. from 5.40 p.m.).

10.55 — Gramaphone. 11.40 — The Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra. 1.41—Sacred Concert. 2.55—Violin Sonatas. 3.25—Christmas Carols by the Wireless Children's Choir, from the Concertgebouw, Amsterdam. 3.55—Gramaphone. 4.25—Gramaphone (Christmas Music). 4.40—Orchestral Concert. 6.30—Gramaphone. 6.40—Songs. 7.0—Song and Flute Recital. 7.10—Songs. 7.40—Orchestral Concert, with Soprano and Tenor Solos. 8.25—Radio Play, with Organ Music. 8.55—Orchestral Concert. 9.55 — Variety. 10.40 — Gramaphone.

LANGENBERG—473 Metres (60 Kw.).

10.30—Bach Cantata, relayed from Leipzig. 11.0—Concert from Frankfurt. 12.0—Act. I of "La Bohème"—Opera (Puccini), from Stuttgart. 3.0—Concert from Stuttgart. 3.45—Concert from Stuttgart. 6.0—Transmission for all German Stations, from Berlin (Funkstunde): Radio Play, with Music. 7.10—Orchestral Concert from Frankfurt. 9.45—Sketch, with Vocal and Instrumental Concert, from Stuttgart. 10.45—"The Ghost in the Music Shop"—Sketch (Struve), from Stuttgart. 11.30—Orchestral Concert from Stuttgart.

LEIPZIG—389.6 Metres (120 Kw.).

10.30—Bach Cantata by the Municipal and Gewandhaus Orchestra, the Choir of St. Thomas's and Soloists. 11.0—Concert from Munich. 12.0—Concert from Breslau. 2.0—A Folk Song Trio. 3.0—Concert from Munich. 5.25—Christmas Carols to the Lute. 6.0—Transmission for all German Stations, relayed from Berlin (Funkstunde)—Radio Play, with Music. 7.0—"Christelflein"—Opera in Two Acts (Pfitzner). 10.25—Orchestral Concert.

LUXEMBOURG—1,191 Metres (200 Kw.).

12.0—Orchestral Concert. 1.0—Gramaphone. 5.30—Gregorian Chants and Organ Solos from the Benedictine Abbey at Clervaux. 6.30—Quintet in A minor (Franck) (Gramaphone). 7.0—Orchestral Concert. 8.0—Dance Music. 8.30—Italian Concert. 9.55—Violin. 10.20—Dance Music (Gramaphone).

PARIS (Radio Paris)—1,725 Metres (75 Kw.).

12.0—Gramaphone: Christmas Music and Music for Children. 2.0—Light Music. 5.30—Concert by the Cadets. 7.30—Variety. 8.0—"Le Petit Duc"—Operetta (Lecocq).

PRAGUE—488.6 Metres (120 Kw.).

11.15—Military Band Concert. 3.0—Concert relayed from Moravska-Ostrava (263.8 m.). 4.45—Gramaphone. 6.30 — "Der Freischütz" — Opera (Weber), from the State Opera House. 9.40—Gramaphone.

SCHWEIZERISCHER LANDESSENDER (Beromünster)—459 Metres (60 Kw.); **BASLE—244.1 Metres, and BERNE—245.9 Metres.**

10.15—Gramaphone, from Zürich. 11.0—Gramaphone, from Zürich. 1.0—The Anton Smetak Zither Trio, from Zürich. 3.0—Christmas Concert from Zürich. 4.0—Biblical Radio Sequence, with Music, from Zürich. 5.30—Gramaphone, from Zürich. 6.30 — Gramaphone, from Zürich. 8.10 — The Beromünster Orchestra, from Zürich.

STUTTGART (MUHLACKER) — 533 Metres (100 Kw.).

10.0—Concert by a Motet Choir. 10.30—Bach Cantata, relayed from Leipzig. 11.0—Orchestral Concert from Frankfurt. 12.0—First Act of "La Bohème" (Puccini) (Gramaphone). 12.30—Talk and Gramaphone. 3.0 — Concert. 3.45 — The Station Orchestra. 5.0—Legends and Songs, from Frankfurt. 6.0 — Transmission for all German Stations. 7.10—Concert by the Station Orchestra, from Frankfurt. 8.45—Sketch, with Vocal and Instrumental Music. 10.45—"The Ghost in the Music Shop"—Sketch (Struve). 11.30—Orchestral Concert.

TURIN—273.7 Metres (7 Kw.), also relayed by **MILAN—332.2 Metres** (50 Kw.) and **TRIESTE—247.7 Metres** (10 Kw.).

11.30 — Gramaphone. 11.45 — Trio Concert. 4.10—Orchestral Concert. 6.30—Gramaphone. 7.0—Gramaphone. 7.40—"The Princess and the Pea"—Fable (Tumaiti). 9.0—Gramaphone. 9.30—Dance Music.

CHRISTMAS IN DUBLIN.

STREETS FILLED WITH SHOPPERS.

ENTERTAINMENTS FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

FOR fathers of families, but, indeed, more particularly for mothers of families, the end of to-day will bring welcome rest, owing to the intervention of Sunday before Christmas Day. During the past week in the principal streets of Dublin the footpaths have teemed with children streaming from shop to shop. Wonder has been awakened in childish eyes, and elders have not been able to deny their mead of appreciation at the displays in shop windows of the whole range of manufactures acceptable to the public desire.

In this respect Dublin's merchants have risen to the occasion, and their gaily-decorated and brilliantly-lighted stores have met the reward from early morning until late afternoon of being filled with intending purchasers. The scenes in the shops have been remarkable, children, joyous and clamorous, trailing after fathers and mothers hard set to satisfy expectations born of fairy tales and the spirit of joy justified at Christmastide.

THE REAL SANTA CLAUS.

A happy fact of the joy of Christmas is that the purchases so gaily carried home by the young people are as pleasurably distributed to other homes as Christmas presents. Santa Claus is accredited with the gifts so long as parents may maintain the fiction, but a hard-worked postman is, in fact, the distributor.

It has required little effort of observation to notice motor cars passing through city streets with awkward burdens protruding from their windows, of red-berried holly bushes and fir tree tops intended for Christmas trees.

Apart from the home festivities of Christmas Day, many entertainments and pastimes have been arranged. What are described variously as "gala," "carnival" and fancy dress dances will be held at various hotels in the city and suburbs.

OUTDOOR GAMES AND SPORTS.

On St. Stephen's Day there will be no lack of entertainment and ways of indoor and outdoor pastime. There will be racing on Tuesday and Wednesday at Leopardstown, and also at Limerick. Throughout the Free State no less than a dozen coursing meetings have been arranged. The Kingdom Cup will be tried out at Tralee and the Garnamon Cup at Wexford.

At the golf links the usual club competitions will be held on Christmas Day and St. Stephen's Day. The most remarkable of these competitions will be that which has for many years taken place at a certain golf club within Metropolitan range. At this particular club every Christmas Day four members meet, who come together at no other day in the year. They play a solemn foursome as members of the club on Christmas morning and for the rest of the year are never again seen on the links there.

An interesting football event will be held on St. Stephen's Day at Lansdowne road, when Lansdowne and Wanderers will play a match.

IN THE THEATRES.

Two pantomimes are to be presented to the public on St. Stephen's Day. At the Gaiety "The Babes in the Wood" will be given and at the Olympia "Mother Goose," with Jimmy O'Dea in the principal *rôle*, is to be the feature. At the Gate Theatre "A Midsummer Night's Dream" is to be produced.

BRITISH LEGION DANCE.

The annual dance of the Irish Metropolitan branch of the British Legion always attracts a notable gathering of ex-Service men and their friends, and this year's function, to be held at the Metropole on next Friday, promises to be one of the most enjoyable of the fixtures arranged for the Christmas and New Year festivities. Dancing will be from 9 to 2, and, at the request of a number of patrons, a special room is being provided for bridge players. The tickets are already in brisk demand, and, as only a very limited number is now available, immediate application should be made. The entire proceeds of the dance will be handed over to the branch benevolent fund.

IRISH WEDDING IN LONDON.

COLONEL J. P. VILLIERS-STUART AND MISS E. N. MacLAUGHLIN.

The Bishop of London officiated at the wedding in the Chapel of the Savoy, Strand, London, yesterday, of Colonel John Patrick Villiers-Stuart, of Drum, Grand avenue, Camberley, and Miss Eileen Nora MacLaughlin, daughter of the late Colonel A. J. M. MacLaughlin, of Derryheen, Hook Heath, Woking, and Assam, and of Mrs. MacLaughlin.

Miss MacLaughlin, whose paternal grandfather was rector of Doone, Co. Limerick, is great-niece of Sir Samuel Walker, who was at one time Lord Chancellor of Ireland. She was escorted yesterday by her cousin, Major Edward Murray, but was given away by her mother. She wore her travelling dress of rust-red tweed, with a long coat of deep brown shaved lamb fur, collared with Kolinsky fur. Her hat of brown felt had a rust-red feather mount, and she wore a spray of red carnations. There were no bridesmaids. Colonel H. T. Shakespear acted as best man.

Among others at the ceremony were:—Mrs. MacLaughlin, Colonel and Mrs. Arthur MacLaughlin, Mrs. Shakespear, Master Richard Shakespear, Miss Clare and Miss Stella Villiers-Stuart, young daughters of the bridegroom; Mrs. Edward Murray, Lady Stokes, Miss Rigby Murray, Mrs. Roger Evans, Miss Martelli, Major-General and Mrs. Collins, Miss Collins, Brigadier and Mrs. Haining, Miss Cathcart, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Isaacs, Mrs. A. B. Hodgson, Mr. Peter Hodgson, Mr. A. Bryans, Mrs. Lodge, Colonel and Mrs. A. E. Barstow, Colonel and Mrs. Dunlop, Miss Batten, Colonel and Mme. Vanier, Mrs. Harper and Mrs. P. C. Robertson.

HOSPITALS' TRUST DANCE.

1,600 PRESENT AT THE PLAZA.

A most successful dance from the point of view of attendance and enjoyment was that of the Hospital Trust dance organised by the staff and held in the Plaza, Dublin, last night. Sixteen hundred people were present in the ballroom, which was specially decorated for the occasion, and the music was supplied by Tony Reddin and his Radiolians.

Many beautiful dresses were seen. Mrs. P. Fleming was dressed in a smart blue lace frock, Mrs. F. Saurin wore a rose-flowered dress, and Mrs. J. O'Hanlon was in a white and gold striped frock. Mrs. Jack O'Sheehan was in a blue gown, and her daughter was dressed in floral chiffon. Miss Martin came in lace georgette, and Mrs. Sean McGarry came in a violet velvet dress; Miss McGarry was dressed in white satin. Mrs. Lawlor wore a bright blue lace dress, and Miss Rita Crowe was in blue organdie. Mrs. Barniville chose a black and white striped dress. Miss Clancy was in black lace, and Miss White came in blue ciré satin.

Among those present:—The Lord Mayor, Dr. Con Ward, T.D., Parliamentary Secretary to the Free State Minister for Local Government; Mr. R. J. Duggan and party, Dr. de Burgh Daly, Mr. and Mrs. J. McGrath, Mr. and Mrs. P. O'Reilly, Dr. J. Magennis, Mr. M. H. Brunicardi, Mr. and Mrs. O'Hanlon, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Fleming, Dr. O'Rourke, Dr. P. J. Reddy, Mrs. Whyte, Mrs. Geraghty, Mr. and Mrs. Saurin, Mr. and Mrs. Dalton, Mr. and Mrs. J. O'Sheehan, Miss S. O'Sheehan, Mr. F. O'Sheehan, Mr. E. O'Rourke, Miss O'Reilly, Miss C. Darbey, Miss Moynihan, Miss C. MacErlean, Miss B. Magee, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. McAvin, Miss A. Clancy, Mr. and Mrs. E. Fleming, Miss M. Laurence, Miss K. Cussen, Mr. Stapleton, Mr. and Mrs. Foley, Mr. and Mrs. Collis, Mrs. T. Reddin, Mrs. MacErlean, Miss C. Pope, Messrs. D. O'Kelly, J. Andrew, M. McLaughlin, W. Gilligan, R. Duggan, P. Doyle, T.D.; P. Nugent, T. Forbes, D. McGilligan, Mrs. O'Donnell, W. McNally and party, Mr. and Mrs. Watson, Mr. J. I. McGuire, T.D., and Mrs. McGuire, Mr. and Mrs. Barniville, Mr. and Mrs. Bolger, Mr. and Mrs. G. Geraghty, Miss H. McCabe, Miss P. O'Hagan, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Floyd, Mr. and Mrs. O'Donohoe, the Misses F. Derby, M. Cussen, J. Caulfield, A. Holmes, N. Henderson, M. Henderson, M. Nolan, P. Dolan, N. M. Gilligan, N. Stoney, G. Brown, K. Kissane, E. Rorke, M. Towers D. Tyson, E. O'Brien, M. Sheehan, Mrs. Walsh, Dr. K. Reddin and District Justice Reddin, Mrs. Mayne, Captain and Mrs. Bonsfield, Miss Storey, Mr. G. C. Bushe, Miss Dunne, Mr. Elliott, Mr. E. C. Neale, Mr. and Mrs. Greville Mooney, Mr. and Mrs. Sean Moloney, and Dr. and Mrs. O'Connor.

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS.

NOVEMBER EXAMINATION RESULTS.

At the recent November Examinations of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland, the following candidates were successful:—

Final Examination—George Edmund Cameron, Ballymena, Co. Antrim; Ernest Francis Egan, Dublin; William Stewart Henderson, Glarryford, Co. Antrim; George Iliff, Belfast; William John Johnston, Belfast; Alfred Jones, Belfast; Peter Virgil Lyons, Drogheda; Thomas Edmund Rainey McDonald, Belfast; Alfred Henry Middleton, Killiney, Co. Dublin; Brendan Arthur Mills, Dublin; John Matthew O'Connor, Dublin; Neil Dacres Polglase, Whitehead, Co. Antrim; Derrick William Pratt, Enniskillen; Alfred William Rowan, Belfast.

Intermediate Examination—William George Armstrong, Cavan; Norman Alexander Beckett, Dublin; James Cuthbertson, Belfast; Brien Cormac Duffy, Dublin; Maurice Philip Geoghegan, Dublin; Miss Kathleen Josephine Governey, Carlow; James George Kenny, Dublin; Cecil Joseph McGarry, Dublin; William John McHugh, Dublin; John Patrick Nagle, Dublin; Miss Claire M. O'Rourke, Inniskeen, Co. Monaghan; Greville Derek Peterson, Bray, Co. Wicklow; William Charles Agnew Robinson, Bangor, Co. Down; Alfred Burton Sefton, Belfast; Victor Sloan, Belfast; Joseph Patrick Whelan, Dublin; James Wilfrid Tate, Belfast.

Preliminary Examination—James Stanley Bridgett, Belfast; Charles Geoffrey Maurice Dooley, Dublin; William Herbert McCay, Castlederg, Co. Tyrone; Martin Thomas O'Dwyer, Dublin; Michael Francis Quinn, Dublin; Leslie Reginald Rawlinson, Belfast; John Trevor Wilson, Greenisland, Co. Antrim.

Twenty-four candidates failed to satisfy the examiners, namely—8 in the Final, 14 in the Intermediate and 2 in the Preliminary Examination.

Two candidates did not present themselves for the Preliminary Examination.

Mr. George Edmund Cameron, of Ballymena, Co. Antrim, obtained First Place with Honours in the Final Examination and has, therefore, been awarded the Institute Gold Medal.

SANDFORD PARISH CHURCH.

On Sunday evening, at 7 o'clock, a Carol Service will be held in Sandford Church. Arrangements have been made for the reception of the world broadcast of "The Bells of Bethlehem," which will follow immediately after the Carol Service.

MANSION HOUSE COAL FUND.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—It gives me much pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of the undermentioned subscriptions which have been received subsequent to the date of the annual public meeting. I beg to sincerely thank all these friends for the response they have made to my appeal, and trust many others may follow the good example which has been set them.—Yours, etc.,

ALFRED BYRNE, Lord Mayor of Dublin.

The Mansion House,
22nd December, 1933.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Cycling Benevolent Fund (per T. W. Murphy)	3	6	6
Miss Guinness, Rathfarnham	1	0	0
"Anonymous"	5	0	0
Watkins, Jameson and Pim, Ltd.	10	10	0
Cassidy and Co., South Great George's street	5	0	0
Very Revs. the Dominican Fathers, St. Saviour's, Dominick street	5	0	0
Gerald Mooney, Ltd.	2	2	0
Dermod O'Brien, Pres., R.H.A.	2	0	0
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William Coman	1	0	0
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Frank Wynne	1	0	0
"Margaret"	0	2	0
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Mrs. Masters, Milltown	0	10	0
Miss M. E. Vernon, Glenealy	1	0	0
Mrs. Mulligan, Dartry road	1	0	0
Percy E. Grey, Clontarf	1	1	0
P. E. Connington	1	0	0
Mrs. Reaks, Northumberland road	1	0	0
Mrs. Colin-Smith, Blackrock	1	1	0
John L. Beatty, Foxrock	2	2	0
Arthur B. Watson, Killiney	3	3	0
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Miss Doolin, Waterloo road	1	0	0
W. Paine	0	2	6
Rev. P. J. Rafter, C.C.	1	0	0
A. Poole Wilson, Rathgar	1	0	0
W. Brown, Kimmage	1	0	0
Thomas F. Monks, LL.D.	1	0	0
G. F. Macnamara	1	0	0
"Inasmuch"	0	5	0
Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Harrap	1	0	0

FROM THE "LONDON GAZETTE."

WAR OFFICE, December 22, 1933.

REGULAR ARMY.

CAVALRY.

8th Hussars—Captain and Brevet-Major J. P. Robinson to be Major; Lieutenant J. C. Vernon Miller to be Captain.

16th/5th Lancers — Captain A. B. Sullivan is seconded for service under the Colonial Office; Captain D. J. E. Norton, M.C., is restored to the establishment Royal Regiment of Artillery.

The undermentioned is restored to the establishment—Major E. D. Evelegh, M.C.; Captain W. J. Fennell to be Adjutant.

CORPS OF ROYAL ENGINEERS.

Lieutenant (Quarter-Master) A. G. Hooley to be Captain (Quarter-Master).

Royal Army Medical Corps—Major-General W. H. S. Nickerson, V.C., C.B., C.M.G., M.B., retired pay, late R.A.M.C., is appointed Colonel-Commandant.

ESTABLISHMENTS.

Captain V. N. Riley, R.A.S.C., to be Instructor, R.A.S.C. Training Centre.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

REGIMENTAL LIST.

The undermentioned having attained the age limit of liability to recall, cease to belong to the Reserve of Officers:—

CAVALRY.

Royal Horse Guards—Captain the Lord Gerard, M.C.

9th Lancers—Captain E. K. Hume.

13th/18th Hussars—Major C. Steele, Lieutenant C. A. F. Wingfield resigns his Commission.

16th/5th Lancers—Captain the Earl of Kimberley, M.C., having attained the age limit of liability to recall, ceases to belong to the Reserve of Officers.

The undermentioned having attained the age limit of liability to recall, cease to belong to the Reserve of Officers:—

INFANTRY.

Norfolk Regiment—Lieutenant J. P. Connors, 14th November, 1933.

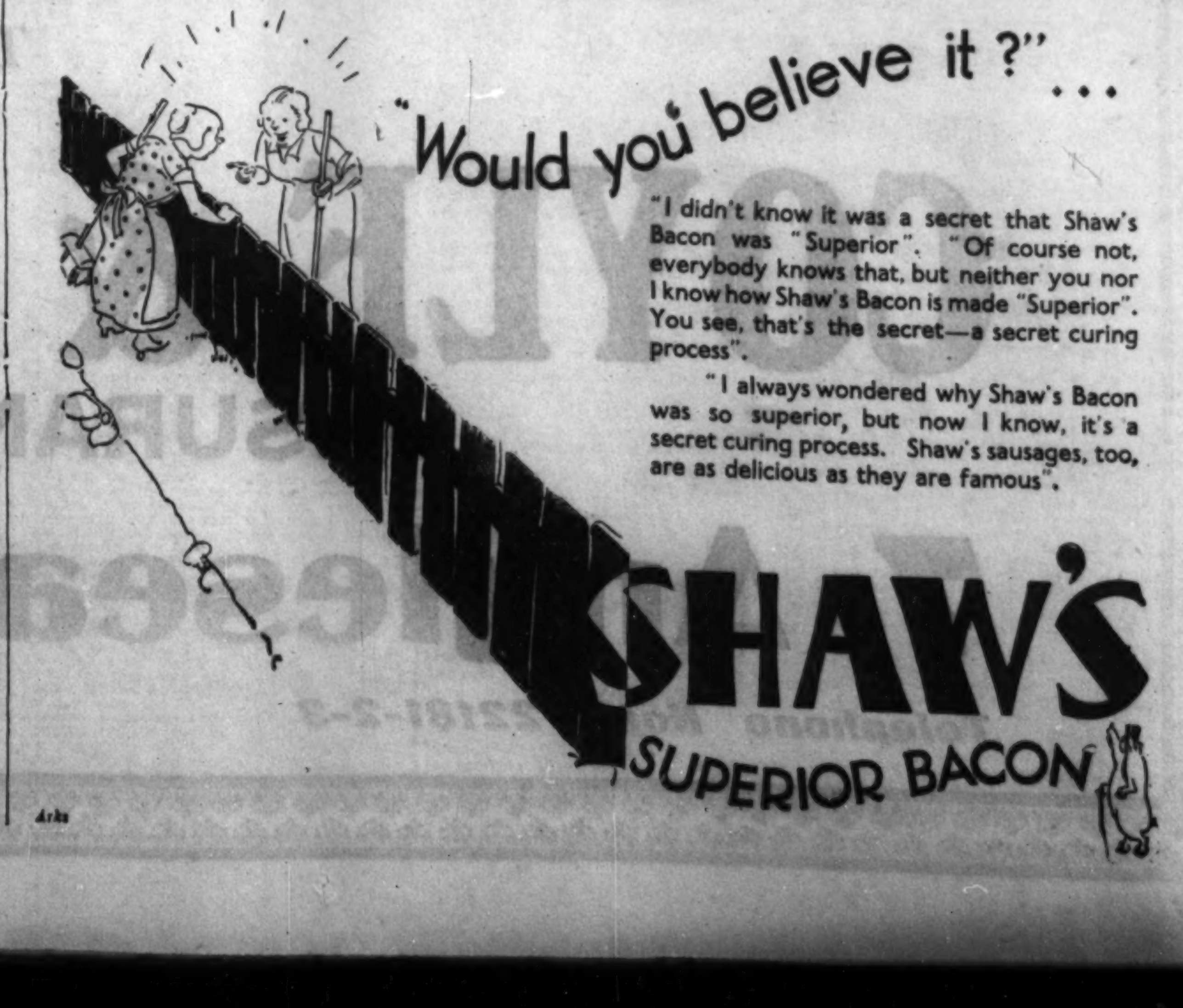
Leicester Regiment—Lieutenant W. Miller, 11th October, 1933.

Inniskilling Fusiliers—Major W. P. B. Frazer, D.S.O., 24th November, 1933.

Royal Ulster Rifles—Captain T. R. Umbers.

LMS

The London Midland and Scottish Railway company desire to remind the Public that the morning mail steamer (8.50 a.m.) will sail from Dun Laoghaire (Kingstown Pier) as usual on Tuesday next, December 26th.



"AMMUNITION PLANKED."

CHARGES BEFORE TRIBUNAL.

COMMANDANT CRONIN ON PAROLE.

COMMANDANT CRONIN again appeared before the Military Tribunal yesterday, charged with sedition and membership of an unlawful association.

Detective Officer Ennis said he was a member of the detective branch since May, 1929. On the 30th September last, he and five other detectives were ordered to search the premises of the Young Ireland Association at 23 Saint Stephen's Green, Dublin. They proceeded immediately to Saint Stephen's Green. Upstairs there was a Mr. Muldowney, a Mr. Cook, and a lady typist, and a small-sized North of Ireland man, who was going around the room looking at a pile of Blue Shirts. This man, who appeared to be a cleaner or caretaker of some sort, took up one of the shirts and said: "This one should fit me." Witness remarked: "That's tough luck on you. You cannot touch any of them." Witness went through all the documents on the premises looking for Young Ireland Association papers. The shirts were of a type that would be termed a tunic shirt.

Guard Thomas Doyle, of the ordinary crime branch, Dublin Castle, in reply to Mr. Geoghegan, said that prior to receiving his instructions from Sergeant Hughes in the Castle at about 11.15 he had no idea where he was going. Accompanied by Guards Carolan and Foley he went into the large office at 23 Stephen's Green. He later went into the office marked "Private." Carolan went in with him and the door leading out of it was left open. He was going through documents and boxes with Guard Carolan for some minutes. Guard Carolan then left the smaller office and went to the larger one, where he was apparently going through the box files. After another five minutes he heard Guard Carolan say, "Look at this." He was speaking loudly at the time. Witness thought that the remarks were addressed to him, and he went out, and then saw Guard Carolan with a cardboard box in his hand. Witness next saw Sergeant Hughes and Mr. Cronin there, and heard Carolan say: "This is ammunition." The sergeant was speaking to Cronin at the time. Witness heard Cronin say: "I take responsibility for everything in the office, but the ammunition was not there half an hour previously.' He (Mr. Cronin) said: "It was planked or placed there by your people."

Witness added: "I think he used the words 'by your people.' He did not say it was planked by Guard Carolan. Sergeant Hughes said: "You should not make that suggestion; it is a rotten suggestion." This answer was made in reply to Mr. Cronin's suggestion that the ammunition was 'planked.'"

To Mr. McGuckin, witness said that the time he was detailed for the raid was 10.50 The three members of the special branch were told their destination at the same time as witness by Sergeant Hughes. It was absolutely incorrect to say that the first intimation witness and the others got of their destination was in the car proceeding to 23 Stephen's Green. They had been told in the hall before leaving the Castle.

WITNESSES' CREDENTIALS

Further replying to Mr. McGuckin, witness said that Guard Carolan went with him to the small room marked "private," stayed there a few minutes, and then went back to the room where the presses were. As far as witness was aware, Guard Carolan was the only person in that room at the time, and he did not hear a request or order from Guard Foley to Carolan to search the press.

Guard Richard Sweetman said he joined the special branch of the Guards on August 5 last. When he entered the St. Stephen's Green premises he was told by Sergeant Hughes to gather up any documents he thought were treasonable. He saw Guard Carolan bring to a table an old paper bag and also heard Sergeant Hughes say to Commandant Cronin: "That is a rotten suggestion to make."

Replying to Mr. McGuckin, witness said that he was in temporary employment from 1930 to 1933. He worked part of the time with the E.S.B. and also with Messrs. T. and C. Martin, builders. He filed his application to be admitted to the special branch on August 3, and attested on August 5. He first took up duty at Ely place and was then transferred to the Castle.

Mr. McGuckin—What credentials had you for admission to the special branch?—None.

Did you produce any credentials of your membership of a Fianna Fail club?—No.

You produced no credentials?—No.

You were taken on to this special branch without any credentials?—Yes.

You were asked for none and gave none?—No.

Would I be right in suggesting that you objected to giving any credentials?—No.

Was there a parade of the special branch on the morning of the raid on the Young Ireland Association?—I don't remember.

Is it customary to have parades of the special branch?—Nearly every morning there is a parade at 9.30 a.m.

Do you tell this Court that you cannot remember whether there was a parade on the morning of the raid on the Young Ireland Association?—I cannot remember.

Were you or were you not on parade that morning?—I cannot remember.

Where were you taken from when called out to raid the Young Ireland premises?—I was in the barrack room, where I sleep.

Would it be incorrect to say that you, together with Guard Foley and Guard Carolan, were requisitioned to accompany other officers to 23 St. Stephen's Green?—Yes. I was told by Sergeant Hughes when I was going out that I was going to 23 St. Stephen's Green.

Following further exchanges between counsel and witness, Mr. McGuckin asked witness if he suffered from dull recollection that he could not remember events so recent as the 30th November last. Witness replied that he did not. In reply to Mr. McGuckin, witness said that prior to the raid on 23 St. Stephen's Green he had never heard, nor inquired, where the headquarters of the Young Ireland Association were situated.

HOW TO CARRY A GUN.

The witness said that Cronin, when he referred to the manner in which witness carried his gun, did not say anything about throwing the witness across the banisters. Cronin did say something to witness like "Take your hand off your gun."

Mr. McGuckin asked where he carried his revolver. The witness stood up, pulled back his coat, and exposed a revolver carried under his armpit.

Had you your hand on the revolver?—No.

Witness admitted that Cronin reported him to Sergeant Gill.

Did Sergeant Gill say to Commandant Cronin that you did not carry your gun in your breast pocket?—He may have said it.

The witness, in reply to Mr. Geoghegan, said that he had been interned at Arbour Hill in 1921, at Ballykinlar, at Maryborough, and at "Tintown" on the Curragh, and was one of the men arrested on "Bloody Sunday."

Mr. Geoghegan—And you were fairly well known to persons connected with the Anglo-Irish conflict and the civil war?—I was.

Guard Foley gave corroborative evidence concerning the finding of the ammunition.

In reply to Mr. Casey, witness said that he had removed about five box files from the press before the ammunition was found. He took the files from the centre of the shelf, and there was a clear space on either side.

In the space was there a brown paper parcel?—I did not see it.

But you saw the space?—Yes, it was perfectly obvious on either side. Guard Sweetman assisted him in removing the files from the press.

Are you certain of that?—Quite certain.

Guard Sweetman has sworn that he was in the general office and that he was called out and then saw Guard Carolan with the ammunition in his hands. Is that incorrect?—I don't know. I called him out to assist me.

But you have sworn that Guard Sweetman was assisting you in the search of the press before the ammunition was discovered?—I asked him for assistance, and he was coming to give it to me.

I put it to you that Guard Sweetman assisted you in the search before the ammunition was found? Or do you wish to change your evidence?—Yes, I do. I called for his assistance, but whether he actually removed files or not, I cannot say.

But you have sworn that he assisted you?—I can't swear that.

Cross-examined by Mr. McEnery, witness said that he was a member of the pre-Truce I.R.A., and was three times on hunger strike and four times in jail. He took part in the attack on the Custom House. He also took part in the civil war and was interned.

WITNESSES RECALLED.

When the Tribunal met after luncheon, Mr. Geoghegan said that the case concerned events at St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, and, to some extent, events in Donegal. Before they passed from the Dublin aspect of the case, he would like to ask the Tribunal to recall those two witnesses. Mr. McGuckin Officer Carolan, or to give him permission to recall these two witnesses. Mr. McGuckin had cross-examined certain detectives, and in particular Detective-Officer Doyle, in reference to the container or package which held the cartridges. The cross-examination, he submitted, was directed to show that all the time the ammunition was either in a box or parcel. Two witnesses who could have given detailed evidence about that were not cross-examined in the way that Detective-Officer Doyle was—namely, Detectives Hughes and Carolan. Those two witnesses would tell the Court the full facts.

Mr. McGuckin said the application of Mr. Geoghegan was a decided surprise to him. It was a surprise that the State in presenting the case for the prosecution desired to recall State witnesses for the purpose, and the deliberate purpose, of heel-tapping evidence. The unctious phraseology of Mr. Geoghegan might have weight with the Court, but neither unctious phraseology nor platitudes had any weight with him.

The application to recall two State witnesses was, he repeated, made for the purposes of heel-tapping evidence, and was a disgrace to any Tribunal, and certainly a disgrace coming from State counsel in a case of such magnitude as the present. It was represented that Detectives Hughes and Carolan were not examined about the container and that Guard Doyle was. He (Mr. McGuckin) placed considerable weight on the evidence, and the divergency of evidence, about that container, envelope or brown paper package. He would much prefer that the official stenographer should be asked to produce the notes about that evidence. Mr. McGuckin submitted that questions were directed to Sergeant Hughes, and certainly to Detective Officer Carolan, as to where the ammunition was found, and the type of paper package was actually produced in court and Detective Officer Carolan was asked to examine it and give evidence about it. It was against all principles of common justice that State witnesses should be recalled in the matter, and he would merely lodge his protest and let the Court rule upon it.

The President—The Court decided to give Mr. Geoghegan permission to recall the two witnesses, and will take note of Mr. McGuckin's objection.

Sergeant Hughes was then recalled, and, in evidence, stated that he first saw the ammunition in the front room of the premises where it had been found. It was being put on the table by Guard Carolan. The ammunition was in boxes resting on some coloured paper. Witness told Guard Carolan to keep an account of the ammunition and not let it out of his sight. When witness was leaving the premises he noticed that the ammunition was then in a cardboard box (produced).

In reply to Mr. McGuckin, witness said that he took two files from the centre shelf of the press in which the ammunition was found. Witness did not notice any brown paper parcel on the right-hand side of the press.

WHERE AMMUNITION WAS.

The witness added that the parcel of ammunition could have been on the shelf without coming under his notice.

Mr. McGuckin—Now did you see the ammunition at all on the shelf at any time?—No, we did not see it.

Guard Carolan, recalled, was closely questioned about his finding of the parcel of ammunition. First he denied that he knew he was going to be recalled, or that any former witnesses had told him of questions asked about the box into which the ammunition had been put after discovery.

Mr. McGuckin—Did you have your ear to the door of this Court when the last witness was giving evidence?—No.

Did not you swear a minute ago that you knew you were going to be recalled?—No.

Mr. McGuckin appealed to the Tribunal in connection with an earlier answer by the witness, and the

President said that Carolan certainly had said he knew he was going to be recalled, but may have been under a misapprehension.

Mr. McGuckin later drew the attention of the Court to the method of answering of certain police witnesses. They were giving "heel-tapping" evidence, and their answers were not direct.

Carolan later said that he placed the ammunition in the cardboard box for safety.

Sergeant Edward Morgan Ahearne, Ballybofey, in reply to Mr. Geoghegan, said that he was on duty in the Main street, Stranorlar, at about 7.30 p.m. on December 8 when he saw Mr. Cronin, who was wearing a Blue Shirt and black trousers. The shirt had crimson shoulder straps. He was marching at the head of about 150 men and 20 girls. The men were largely in civilian clothes, although some of them were wearing Blue Shirts with their jackets over them. The blue of their shirts was of the same variety as that of Mr. Cronin's shirt. The ladies wore Blue Blouses, black skirts and black berets all of the same type. Witness said to Cronin, as the men were forming up outside Stranorlar to march to Ballybofey, "I have instructions to question anyone wearing a Blue Shirt." Mr. Cronin replied that he did not know of any law against the wearing of a Blue Shirt, and would continue to wear it. Witness took his name and reported the matter.

Mr. Geoghegan—Can you say from your experience if that is the uniform of any body or organisation?

Mr. McGuckin objected, and said the witness could not reply to the question unless he was a member of the Blue Shirts himself. As a member of the Civic Guard, he was not in a position to say what type of blue one might wear.

Mr. Geoghegan—I am not asking him to give his view of the law on the matter, but merely to ascertain the fact whether from his experience or observation that the shirt is similar to a uniform of any body or organisation he knows about.

Witness—Yes; the Young Ireland Party.

Continuing, witness said that he first heard the name Young Ireland Party in December.

Mr. Geoghegan—Prior to that date, did you see a shirt identical with, or similar to, that worn by Mr. Cronin worn by any other body or organisation?—No.

Cross-examined by Mr. Casey, witness said there was a meeting at Ballybofey on December 8, which was to be addressed by Mr. Cosgrave, Mr. O'Duffy and others. There were about two thousand people present.

Did you say to Mr. Cronin that he could not march to the meeting so attired?—I used some words to that effect.

And he replied that there was no law prohibiting the wearing of a blue shirt?—Yes.

Do you know that a judge of the High Court has stated that the wearing of a blue shirt is not illegal?—Yes.

A BLUE SHIRT.

Superintendent Sean Liddy, Donegal, said that on December 9 he visited the Central Hotel, Bundoran, at 4.10 p.m. At that time Commandant Cronin was in bed, and he noticed in the room a blue shirt with red shoulder bands. He had seen similar shirts worn by members of the National Guard and Young Ireland Association. He detained Commandant Cronin in Bundoran, and later had him removed to Arbour Hill. He had seen Commandant Cronin address a meeting in Donegal the previous day, and at that time he was also wearing a blue shirt. He made an appeal to the young people of the country to join the organisation and wear something blue.

Mr. McGuckin—You don't know whether people wearing blue shirts are members of the National Guard or the Young Ireland Association?—No.

You are one of the most efficient members of the Guard in Northern Ireland, and don't you know that the National Guard has been disbanded.

Mr. Geoghegan—He is not in Northern Ireland—he is in Donegal.

Mr. McGuckin—We accept no boundary, whatever your party does. Don't you know the National Guard was disbanded last September?—Yes.

Therefore, the people wearing blue shirts in December last cannot be members of the National Guard, but of the Young Ireland Association?—Yes.

The speech he made was of a political nature?—Yes.

Was there any incitement to arms in it?—No.

Was there any incitement to riot in it?—No.

Was the burden of his speech that by peaceful organisation the people would be bettered?—That was the purport of it.

Mr. McEnery—Would you regard the wearing of this particular type of shirt as evidence

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TRAVELLERS' POSITION.

MR. MacENTEE'S WORDS.

ALL-ROUND PEACE PLEA.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

CORK, Friday.

AT the annual meeting of the Cork Branch, United Kingdom Commercial Travellers' Association, the President, Mr. B. Buckworth, in his address to the meeting, said—My first duty is to congratulate you heartily on your year's working. The result is virtually a record, and the increased membership of nearly 20 per cent., particularly, is gratifying.

Turning to the past year's work on the road, conditions have not been easy for the commercial, and there is among us a concensus of hope and desire (perhaps without exception) that conditions will improve during the coming year. Two striking statements, however, have this month fallen from leading statesmen which encourage us in the hope that before very long our island may once more be sailing on an even keel. President de Valera has expressed the desire for a lasting friendship with the neighbour across the Channel, who is our best customer, and Mr. MacEntee's words are as follows:—"We believe that it is not beyond the capacity of the two peoples to arrive at an understanding which will be honourable and lasting, etc." It is not our custom at these meetings to refer to questions of national import, but upon this occasion, without entering the domain of party politics, a reference to the present situation may not be altogether out of place.

COMPROMISE.

The commercial traveller knows instinctively that "compromise" or "qualified freedom" is the very hall-mark of an advanced civilisation; the principle of "compromise" enters into countless numbers of his business sales and transactions. The spectacle of two great peoples unwilling or unable to avail of its adjusting benefits, notwithstanding all the tragic consequences, appears almost as an outrage on his conception of human sanity.

We, therefore, do not hesitate to plead for a renewed conception of the possibilities of an all-round peace. How may we invoke it in a fresh conception which brings us nearer to an all-round settlement? How reach that quality of approach which gives the surer likelihood of ultimate success? For how wide apart in temperament or character, by the laws of geographical necessity Ireland and England are, in a sense, thrown together for better or worse.

It now only remains for me on behalf of the Association to welcome cordially the large contingent of new members, and to say we shall bravely face the coming year in the hopeful tone of Mr. MacEntee's message, and, come what may, we shall keep our hearts loyal and true—true in the best sense of the word to the country of our birth or our adoption.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

On the proposition of Mr. O'Sullivan, seconded by Mr. W. Penney, the outgoing President, Mr. Buckworth, was re-elected after several high tributes were paid to his invaluable work for and interest in the branch.

Mr. Buckworth replied suitably.

Mr. Ross proposed the election of Mr. J. Sutherland, vice-chairman, as Chairman for the coming year, and the proposition was greeted with applause.

Mr. T. Mahony proposed, and Mr. J. Russell seconded, the election of Mr. Alan Brady as Vice-Chairman, and it was unanimously agreed.

Messrs. A. F. Hawke and T. Waugh were re-elected Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer respectively.

The following Committee were elected:—Messrs. J. Packham, R. B. Hayes, W. O'Connell, V. Dowsley, E. D. Ingle, L. Boardman, G. Gladstone, S. K. Hosford, D. Thomas, W. J. O'Sullivan, B. Mansfield and M. K. Horgan.

PROPERTY SALES.

During the present month Messrs. Holden, Dublin, held two auctions, at which were offered seven lots of property. All these were successfully disposed of at satisfactory prices. They comprised five lots of ground and profit rents; the private residence, 9 Bloomfield avenue, and the spirit grocery concern, known as "Keenan's," 82 Ballybough road.

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that he belonged to any particular organisation?

Mr. McGuckin objected.

Mr. Geoghegan—The wearing of a blue shirt is not charged as an offence.

Detective-Sergeant Bernard Meehan, giving evidence, stated that he called to the Central Hotel at 4 p.m. on December 9, and, accompanied by the last witness, went to a room in the hotel, where they found Mr. Cronin in bed. In response to a request from the Superintendent, Mr. Cronin got out of bed and dressed himself, putting on a shirt coloured blue with red shoulder straps. He saw Mr. Cronin the previous day in Donegal Town about to address a meeting. He removed his overcoat and witness saw that he was wearing a blue shirt.

Mr. Geoghegan said that the next witness in the ordinary course would be Mr. James Dillon, T.D., who would have been asked to prove certain documents. Mr. Dillon was examined in another recent case before the Tribunal, when the same documents were put in evidence by him. It was decided to dispense with the attendance of Mr. Dillon and to put the documents in as they had already been proved.

WORDS OF MILITARY IMPORT.

The letters which were read in court were mostly letters bearing the typewritten signature of Mr. Cronin and addressed to persons throughout the country, informing them of coming visits of the Director-General and the holding of conventions, and emphasising the need for enrolment of men and women in the Young Ireland Association, which, said Mr. Geoghegan, was sometimes described in brackets as "the National Guard."

Mr. Geoghegan went on to refer to the first of the letters, dated August 30th, 1933, headed, and he asked the Court to take note of that heading, "The National Guard, 5 Parnell square, August 30, 1933." "To each District Commander" Words of a military import, said Mr. Geoghegan, would be found in that letter and in the others, words generally associated with armed military forces and the ordinary army in the State.

Mr. McGuckin said he would formally object to the letter as being wholly irrelevant to the present charge.

Mr. Geoghegan—It is signed by Mr. Cronin.

Mr. McGuckin—Yes: but my objection is that on August 30 Mr. Cronin was undoubtedly a member of the National Guard, which was dissolved on September 8. He is now charged with being a member of the National Guard on December 9. Whether a man was a member of an illegal association or not in the past was irrelevant. He was not pressing for the rejection of the letter, but he would ask the Tribunal to pay no attention to it.

The President said that the Court would allow the letters.

Mr. Geoghegan said that Mr. McGuckin had been completely misinformed and had made an erroneous statement. The National Guard was an illegal association on August 30, 1933, by reason of the Executive Council order declaring that association illegal.

Mr. McGuckin contended that he was perfectly accurate in his remarks, and added that his point was that Mr. Cronin had already suffered for membership of the National Guard by reason of the withdrawal of his Army commission.

ALLOWED OUT ON PAROLE.

Mr. Geoghegan said that he put in that series of statements to show that these associations formed one continuous group. One of the letters said that the National Guard may be referred to as the Young Ireland Association.

This closed the case for the prosecution, and Mr. McGuckin said that it would not be possible for him to finish his case that evening. He had some witnesses to call, and would need a full day's hearing.

The Court adjourned until 11 o'clock on Thursday, 28th December, and granted an application that Commandant Cronin be allowed out on parole, due to his father's illness.

RELIEF WORKS IN COUNTY CORK.

STATEMENT OF GRANTS.

Mr. Hugo Flinn, T.D., Parliamentary Secretary to the Free State Minister for Finance, recently inspected the relief works in County Cork. He interviewed the officials in charge and examined the progress that had been made.

Grants have been made for the following useful marine works in the county:—

Removal of rocks at Caherkeen—£60.

Erection of boat-slip at Long Island, Schull—£129.

Erection of boat-slip at Carrigellihy—£315.

Erection of boat-slip at Oilean na gcaorach—£390.

Extension of boat-slip at Tracloogh Strand—£80.

Completion of boat-slip at Letter Lower, Kilcrohane—£160.

Improving the salmon fishery and oyster beds at Passage West—£200.

Erection of a breakwater, boat shelter and causeway at Dooneen—£450.

There have been provided from relief funds £750 for forestry at Ballyhoora, Dunmanway and Kilworth, and £1,350 for creamery improvements at Shandrum, Ballyagran, Barryroe and Dromtariffe, and a sum of £352 is being devoted to land reclamation.

Grants have been made for the development of limestone quarries at Annahala, Meelin and Ballygarvin; for slate quarries at Glantane and Fourcuil, and for marble quarries at Johnstown, the total sum provided being £1,300.

A further £10,000 has been provided from relief funds for sewerage, water supply and road works in thirty-three different centres in the county.

The Cork Harbour Commissioners have received a grant of £486 towards the concreting of the North Deepwater quay at Cork.

In addition to these major schemes, the usual minor relief schemes are proceeding in rural areas. These are small works, consisting chiefly of the construction and repair of bog and accommodation roads, the erection of bridges and drainage works. A sum of over £6,000 has been allocated for these schemes to cater chiefly for the poorer areas in the west of the county. The number of men employed in Co. Cork on these minor works alone reached the figure of £1,100 in the month of December, and it is estimated that between 13,000 and 14,000 men are at present employed on minor relief schemes in the whole of the Saorstat.

"THIS SLAUGHTER ON THE ROADS."

NORTHERN JUDGE'S COMMENTS.

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

BELFAST, Friday

At the Ulste. Winter Assizes to-day, Mr. W. F. M'Coy, addressing the judge on behalf of John Victor Kelso, The Birches, Co. Armagh, who was found guilty of manslaughter in Co. Tyrone by running down Samuel Dilworth with his lorry, pleaded that he should not be sent to prison. Counsel suggested that his lordship should suspend the prisoner's licence for five or ten years.

Lord Justice Best—I am not going to suspend it as long as that. This man must go to prison. This slaughter on the roads is becoming intolerable and must be put down, so that ordinary people should be allowed to use the roads in the ordinary way.

After further submission by Mr. M'Coy, the judge said: "I regard this as a very bad case. This manslaughter must be put down. I have had six of these cases for trial at this assize, and, as I said to the Grand Jury, although I had only one case before me, nine people were killed in November as a result of these motor car and motor cycle accidents. I am not going to visit that state of affairs on you. I am going to punish you adequately and not too severely. I send you to jail for six months in the second division and suspend your licence, and you are declared incapable of having a licence until January 1, 1937."

TURF OR COAL?

GALWAY BOILERS IDLE.

The secretary reported to the meeting of the Galway Board of Health that he had received a complaint that turf for the boilers in the Central Hospital cost £30 per week, and the cost of coal and slack would be £28 or £29 for the same period. He had ordered a wagon of coal from the Arigna Colliery and another from the Castlecomer people to test the Irish coal. The matron showed him the boilers idle on Sunday morning.

O'Toole and Duggan, the two boiler attendants, were called before the meeting and said that they were not aware that the turf had run out.

Mr. H. O'Toole, County Councillor asked Duggan why he was without turf and was never without coal.

Duggan replied that he burned a lot of turf.

Mr. O'Toole—Was it because the coal was handier? When the money was going to Connemara you did not mind?

Duggan—I never objected to the turf.

Mr. O'Toole—The present Government are doing their utmost to encourage home industry, and when we want to use turf as a substitute for English coal I find an objection, not because the turf is not as good as the coal, but because there is more trouble with it.

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY, BELFAST.

CONFERRING OF DEGREES.

The winter graduation ceremony of Queen's University, Belfast, was held yesterday in the Great Hall of the University, when degrees were conferred on thirty graduates of the University.

Professor R. M. Henry, M.A., who has been appointed to act as Vice-Chancellor of the University until the vacancy caused by the departure of Sir Richard Livingstone, M.A., Litt.D., is filled, conferred the degrees.

Professor Henry said that in their new life the graduates of the University would have to keep their minds fresh and alert to new impressions, new facts, and new points of view. It was not sufficient for them to say and believe certain things merely because others said and believe those things, but they must keep their own judgment, remain themselves, and if they succeeded in doing that they would remain worthy sons and daughters of a seat of liberal learning.

Professor Henry finally congratulated all those upon whom degrees were conferred, especially Mr. James G. McGill, who was awarded the degree of Doctor of Medicine with gold medal.

The following degrees were then conferred, the recipients being presented by the Deans of the various Faculties:—

Doctor of Medicine.

With gold medal, James G. McGill.

Pass—Joseph A. Corkey, David Gibbs, Harold C. Lindsay, Edward H. C. Maguire.

Bachelor of Arts.

Margretta Adams, John J. Close, Cecil E. Jamison, Margaret E. Latimer, John McCaffrey, Winifred M. McClafferty, Robert McKenna, Margaret J. I. McMeekin, Elizabeth H. Rutherford, Matthew C. A. Thompson, Robert U. G. Williamson.

Bachelor of Science.

Faculty of Applied Science and Technology—Arthur K. Dorman.

Bachelor of Medicine.

Cecil Gould, John S. Johnston, Frank Kane, Frances Loan, James McVicker, Norman Patterson, Robert A. Porter, Thomas H. Reid, Florence E. Stewart, Donald Wilson, James V. Wilson.

Licence in Dental Surgery.

Dermot P. Boyle, William B. McStay.

COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

CORK, Friday.

The outlook for the coming year may not appear promising, but, as we live in an age of rapid changes, let us hope that a brighter era in commercial circles is approaching.

With these words Mr. P. P. O'Sullivan, President, concluded his address to the annual meeting this afternoon of the Cork and South of Ireland Commercial Travellers' Association.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, P. P. O'Sullivan; vice-president, J. J. Holland; hon. treasurer, E. O'Neill; hon. secretary, J. F. Murphy. Committee—J. J. Fitzgerald, J. W. Healy, E. J. Lynch, D. F. Lucy, J. Sutherland, J. J. McCarthy, P. O'Reilly, William Penney, J. Russell.

THE ECONOMIC DISPUTE.

FIANNA FAIL SENATOR'S VIEWS.

"GRAVITY OF THE SITUATION."

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

WATERFORD, Friday.

They in the South were, perhaps, inclined to minimise the horror of partition, but they should not forget, nor allow people to forget, that the imposed barrier must be removed, and that Ireland was theirs from Belfast to Bonmahon, said Senator William Quirke when, at O'Connell street, Waterford, he formally declared open the new hall for the members of the East Waterford Old I.R.A. Men's Association.

They heard a lot nowadays, he said, about the economic war, and how Fianna Fail was to blame for the conditions in Waterford, but the economic war started long before Fianna Fail, and long before Mr. de Valera was ever heard of. For the first time since the economic war began they had a Government in power prepared to tackle the situation, and a leader who would not be bullied. He was aware that Waterford had got more, perhaps, than its share of the general depression. He realised that the comparative silence of the quays had to a great extent crippled business. While he did not attempt to minimise the gravity of the situation, he challenged the right of any man to use it for political ends. Waterford, no doubt, had built up an extensive live stock trade, but they should not imagine that it was only on live stock that the city was originally built. In the latter part of the eighteenth century Waterford was, perhaps, at its best, although at that time little or no cattle were exported from its quays. Then the city was a hive of industry; it owned numerous trading vessels, which carried goods to and from many countries, but that trade was killed, and as these industries were put out of business one by one, the land of Ireland went back to cattle, and the quays, which were once stocked with timber, grain, and other goods, were made ready for the live-stock trade.

Free speech might be abused and democracy outraged, men and women might throw honour to the winds for political ends, but they could never bring discredit on the one man who had successfully upheld the honour and courage of their race—Mr. Eamonn de Valera. From a state of semi-paralysis the economic arm had been made to function, and industry, agriculture, and unemployment were being successfully dealt with. Opponents forgot that, while they had a perfect right to criticise the Government, no man had a right to denounce the policy which was the peremptory mandate of the people.

OBITUARY.

MR. THOMAS F. MONKS, LL.D.

The death took place at his home, Annacrevey, Glenageary, Co. Dublin, last night, of Mr. Thomas F. Monks, one of the best-known solicitors in Dublin, at the age of 67. Mr. Monks was at work in his office yesterday. Mr. Monks was educated at Tullabeg College and later at Dublin University, where he took the degree of LL.D. For many years he practised in Athy, Co. Kildare, as well as in Dublin. He was a partner in the firm of Messrs. Monks and Gaynor, solicitors, 27 Molesworth street, Dublin. Mr. Monks took a keen interest in golf and was a former captain of Hermitage Golf Club. His death will be regretted by a wide circle of friends, who will sympathise with his widow, three sons—Mr. Frank Monks, Barrister-at-Law; Mr. Frederick Monks, who is at present in America, and Dr. A. B. Monks, who is in the West African Medical Service—and one daughter, Mrs. F. J. Ryan.

SIR WILLIAM WATSON.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE.

Mr. Lloyd George, together with his usual Christmas gifts, has sent the following message to Sir William Watson, Arlington Cottage, Rottingdean, Sussex:—"To one of England's greatest poets, from a warm admirer, with best Christmas wishes."



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IRISH NEWS IN BRIEF.

Died on Roadside.—While cycling home, Mr. James McClean, Falcarragh, collapsed, and died on the roadside.

Imperial Service Medal.—His Majesty the King has been pleased to award the Imperial Service Medal to Mr. Martin Looney, principal warder, H.M. Prison, Londonderry.

Grant for Dancing.—The County Galway Vocational Committee have asked sanction for the payment of £7 15s. towards the cost of an Irish dancing course for students of the Mountbellew Technical School.

Footballer Arrested.—In the course of a raid for arms and literature, carried out by members of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, George Mussen, a well-known County Down Gaelic footballer, of Ballymaghery, Hilltown, Newry, was arrested, and sent to Belfast Jail under police escort.

Foyle College.—The Duke of Abercorn's request to Foyle College Governors to give the students an extra week's holidays to celebrate his visit to distribute prizes on Thursday, has been granted by the Northern Minister of Education, to whom it was favourably recommended by the Governors.

Attacked by Bull.—John Simpson, farmer, Carrigans, County Donegal, who was admitted to the Derry City Infirmary a few months ago suffering from injuries sustained when he was attacked by a bull at his home, died early yesterday morning. The facts were reported to the City Coroner, Mr. J. Tracy, solicitor, who considered that an inquest was unnecessary.

Poteen Labels.—Five bottles of poteen, three of which were labelled "altar wine," "Jamaica rum" and "turpentine" respectively, were arranged in a row on the bench before Mr. Sean Macgiollarnath, D.J., at Galway District Court, during the hearing of a charge against Patrick Madden, Killagoola, Moycullen, Galway, of having poteen in his possession. The defendant was sentenced to three months' imprisonment, the sentence not to take effect if the Garda were satisfied that the defendant discontinued the poteen-making or selling.

Enagh Lough Monster.—The existence of a monster over twenty-five feet in length in Enagh Lough, near Derry City, is believed by residents in the neighbourhood. One man, who kept vigil on several evenings, says that he is absolutely convinced that there is a monster in the depths of the lough. He claims to have seen the monster on a recent evening. He investigated the noise and commotion in the lough, which alarmed and puzzled him. He says that he saw a gigantic fin and rudder-shaped object, apparently the tail, rising from the water. The fin and tail were twenty feet apart. After great splashing and furious lashing of his tail the monster crossed the lough and subsided.

Fined and Hit with Poker.—Thomas Horgan, Glasheen road, Cork, was fined 30s. on each of two summonses for assaulting Mrs. Mary Bradley and her daughter at Bandon road, Cork. The evidence was that Horgan forced his way into Mrs. Bradley's house, asking to see her husband about a meeting in the Young Ireland Rooms, and said he wanted to blow her husband's brains out. He assaulted Mrs. Bradley and her daughter until the former hit him with a poker. Horgan denied having gone into the house, and said he was assaulted in the street by Mrs. Bradley.

HELP-MY-PAL SOCIETY.

WHAT THE TAIL-WAGGERS' DO FOR OTHER DOGS.

It is to be regretted (writes a correspondent) that some people are under the impression that the Tail-Waggers' Club of Ireland supports or assists vivisections in any shape or form.

It may be quite definitely stated that the Club does not assist or encourage vivisection—it has never done so, and it never will.

Any surplus funds that the Club may have are retained in Ireland for the good of Irish charities.

To date the funds at the disposal of the Club have been devoted to only two Irish canine charities—viz., the Irish Animals' Protection League and the Ulster Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and nobody for one moment would suggest that either of these excellently managed societies is involved in, or is partial to, vivisection, and any societies that the club may assist in the future will be of a similar character.

We have heard it mentioned on occasion that the Tail-Waggers' Club of Great Britain assists vivisection, and to prove that it did not an action was taken against a local propaganda society of the British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection.

The action was heard before Mr. Justice Branson and a jury in January, 1933, and the result was that the plaintiff, Captain H. E. Hobbs, the founder of the Tail-Wagger clubs of the world, was awarded £500 damages and costs, the jury being quite satisfied that there was not any truth in the allegations.

The Irish Club, like its sister club in Great Britain, was formed to inculcate into people the true love of their canine pals, and to assist tail-wagger owners in every way possible in their canine worries; and that the Club has succeeded in its object is demonstrated by the fact that, although the Irish Club has been just over a year in existence, already virtually 10,000 Irish dogs have been enrolled—each one of which is pledged to obey the Club motto, "I Help My Pals," and the owners have bound themselves to see that this object is attained by seeing that their Tail-Waggers, who are dependent upon them for all their wants in this world, have "Fresh water always"—"Right food regularly"—"Housing comfortably"—"Exercise daily" and "Kindness invariably."

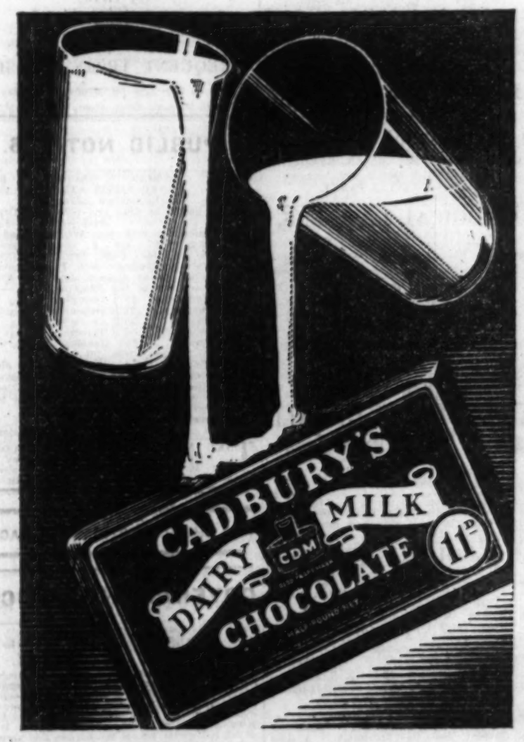
GLASS-BREAKING IN DUBLIN.

Damage to the extent of £25 was caused last night when a plate glass window in Messrs. Troy's drapery shop, South Great George's street, Dublin, was smashed.

The Civic Guards took a man into custody in connection with the occurrence, and it is understood that he will be charged in the District Court this morning.

Mental Hospital Extension. — Messrs. McNally, Dublin, being the lowest of eight firms tendering for the extension of Mayo Mental Hospital, their quotation at £75,798 was accepted. The work having been divided into three sections, which will go on simultaneously, W. Basquil, Castlebar; M. Mangan, Newport, and P. Quinn, Crossmolina, were appointed clerks of works at £5 5s. a week, and L. Malone, Castlebar, for the doctor's residence.

Princess Yolanda, eldest daughter of the King of Italy and wife of Count Calvi Di Bergold, gave birth to a son at Turin yesterday. The Princess, who was married in 1925, has three daughters, born in 1924, 1927 and 1930.



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SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT WEEK.
TUESDAY (STEPHEN'S DAY), WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND SATURDAY, 3.30 TO 6.30.
GEORGE HORNSBY'S ORCHESTRA.

PAVILION DUN LAOGHAIRE. 3.30 to 10.30.
GREAT PROGRAMME! LAST DAY OF
"A STUDY IN SCARLET,"
Conan Doyle's Most Thrilling Story, with REGINALD OWEN as "SHERLOCK HOLMES."
At 4.20, 6.45 and 9.15. Pictorial, Comedy, Eve, &c.
ST. STEPHEN'S DAY:—SHOW STARTS AT 2.30.

CAPITOL.
DAILY, 2.30 to 11 o'c. .... CONTINUOUS.
CHARLIE RUGGLES and MARY BOLAND in
"MAMA LOVES PAPA,"
PARAMOUNT'S NEW COMEDY TEAM IN A PICTURE TEEMING WITH COMEDY.
Showing at 2.30, 4.55, 7.20, 9.45.
CAROLE LOMBARD and H. B. WARNER in
"SUPERNATURAL."
WHAT STRANGE, UNKNOWN POWER TOOK POSSESSION OF HER INNOCENT SOUL?
Showing at 3.35, 6 o'c., 8.25.
ON THE STAGE:
CHARLIE HARVEY AND THE CAPITOLIANS.

GRAFTON CONTINUOUS, from 2 to 11. To-day, 2.45, 5.0, 7.10, 9.25.
VICTOR McLAGLEN, in
"DICK TURPIN,"
NEXT WEEK.
STANLEY LUPINO—THELMA TODD in
"YOU MADE ME LOVE YOU."
Vibrates with Every Known Sensation of Joy.

ROYAL DUBLIN SOCIETY
CHRISTMAS LECTURES
IN THE MEMBERS' HALL, BALLSBRIDGE,
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Accompanied, if desired, by Parents or Guardians,
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Dec. 28—"Monarchs of the Air."
Dec. 29—"Eagles of the Sea."
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Jan. 1—"Flying Alone Round the World."
Jan. 2—"Some Motoring and Flying Experiences."
BY THE HON. MRS. VICTOR BRUCE.
Jan. 4—"Exploring in Greenland."
Jan. 5—"Wild Life in the Frozen North."
BY F. SPENCER CHAPMAN, B.A., F.R.G.S.
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TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY
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PUBLIC NOTICES.

THE DUBLIN SAVINGS BANK, LOWER ABBEY STREET
(Established 1818.)
Certified under the 26th and 27th Vic., Cap. 87. 21st November, 1933.
In conformity with the Act 26th and 27th Victoria, cap. 87, sec. 6, the Trustees and Managers of this Bank hereby require the Depositors to produce their Pass Books for Examination by the Auditor, James A. Kinnear, F.S.A.A., on any of the following days:—
Wednesday, 27th December, 1933;
Thursday, 28th December, 1933;
Friday, 29th December, 1933;
Saturday, 30th December, 1933;
Tuesday, 2nd January, 1934,
From 3 p.m. till 5 p.m.
The attention of Depositors is specially directed to the duty of producing their Books for Examination at the Bank each year, as required by Rule 26, sec. 7, for the purpose of testing the correctness of their accounts.
By Order of the Board,
WALTER E. ROGERS, Actuary.

TAKE NOTICE that I, JOSEPH COWAN, intend applying for Renewal of my Bookmaker's Licence for personal fitness, also for Suitability of Premises, 82 Dame street, Dublin.

FOR CHURCH NOTICES SEE PAGE 9.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

SAORSTAT EIREANN.
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.
EXPORT OF CATTLE.
The Minister for Agriculture has made an Order under the *Agricultural Products (Regulation of Export) Act, 1933*, prohibiting from midnight on Saturday, 23rd instant, save under permits, the export from the Irish Free State to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland of all live cattle, except milch cows and springers, calves under six months of age, and bulls for service. The Minister is also making an Order providing for the registration of exporters and for the issue of permits to cover exports of cattle. He will not be in a position to issue permits for some time until the necessary machinery has been prepared. In the meantime persons who desire to export cattle should apply for registration on a form to be obtained from the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Dublin. Applications should be made without delay.
15/P.1492. W.H.Co.

COUNTY DONEGAL TRANSPORT COMMITTEE.
Notice is hereby given that the Committee which has been appointed by the Minister for Industry and Commerce, under the terms of reference already published, to enquire into and report on the adequacy of the transport facilities at present available in the County of Donegal, will hold a Public Sitting to take evidence at the Court House, KILLYBEGS, on Thursday, 18th January, 1934, at 11.0 a.m. Persons desiring to appear before the Committee are requested, if they have not already done so to forward to the Secretary of the Committee, at the address shown below, not later than the 12th January, 1934, a full statement of the evidence to be given. The Committee propose to hold further Public Sittings later on at other places in the County of Donegal, of which due notice will be given. By Order.—County Donegal Transport Committee, 14 St. Stephen's Green, North, Dublin. 15/P.1485. W.H.Co.

AN ROINN OIDEACHAIS—BRAINSE AN CHEARD-OIDEACHAIS.
Agus
COMHLUCHT SIUICRE EIREANN, Teo.
COURSE OF TRAINING IN SUGAR TECHNOLOGY.
It is proposed to award Six Scholarships to University Graduates POSSESSING AN HONOURS DEGREE IN CHEMISTRY to enable them to attend a Special Course in Sugar Technology, with a view to qualifying them for technological posts under Comhlucht Siúicre Eireann, Teo. Applicants, who must be Irish Citizens, or the sons of Irish Citizens, must not be over 27 years of age on the 1st January, 1934. Preference will be given to candidates with a competent knowledge of Irish. Further particulars and Forms of Application may be obtained from the Secretary, Department of Education, Technical Instruction Branch, 64 and 65 Merrion square, Dublin. Form of Application, duly completed, must be received in that office NOT LATER THAN 3rd JANUARY, 1934.
15/P.1434. W.H.Co.

SAVOY.
HOLIDAY ANNOUNCEMENT.
Doors Open at 11.45 a.m. TO-DAY. SHOW STARTS AT 12 NOON.
GREAT CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME,
LAUREL AND HARDY,
DENNIS KING and THELMA TODD,
IN THE UPROARIOUS MUSICAL OPERETTA,
"FRA DIAVOLO,"
SHOWING at 12.45, 2.55, 5.10, 7.20, 9.30.
Also WALT DISNEY'S MASTERPIECE,
"SANTA'S WORKSHOP."
SILLY SYMPHONY, IN COLOUR,
SHOWING at 12.40, 2.50, 5.0, 7.15, 9.25.
PHILIP DORE PRESENTS
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PUBLIC NOTICES.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.
PREACHERS TO-MORROW:
At 11 a.m.:
REV. CANON OULTON, B.D.
At 3.30 p.m.:
REV. PRINCIPAL HODGES, B.D.
Christmas Carols at this Service.
CHRISTMAS DAY:
MATINS AND HOLY COMMUNION at 11 a.m.
Preacher:
THE ARCHBISHOP OF DUBLIN.
FESTAL EVENSONG at 3.30 p.m.
ST. STEPHEN'S DAY (TUESDAY):
Holy Communion at 11 a.m. Cathedral and Crypt open free from 11.45. Lecture by the Precentor at 12 noon. Admission by ticket only, to be obtained free on application beforehand at the Cathedral.

NOTICE OF ELECTION.
DUBLIN PORT AND DOCKS ACTS, 1898 to 1925.
ELECTION OF ELECTIVE MEMBERS.
THE DUBLIN PORT AND DOCKS BOARD HEREBY GIVE NOTICE:—
1. That an Election of Four Traders' Members and Three Shipping Members of the Dublin Port and Docks Board will be held between the hours of 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Tuesday, the 9th day of January, 1934, at the Port and Docks Offices, 20 Westmoreland street, Dublin.
2. Each Candidate must be nominated by writing, subscribed by two Electors as Proposer and Seconder, and the Nomination Paper must be duly signed by the Candidate or some person duly authorised by him in writing for such purpose as consenting to such Nomination.
3. The Nomination Paper must state the surname and other names of the Candidate, with his abode or place of business and description, and must specify whether the Candidate is proposed as a "TRADERS' Member" or as a "SHIPPING Member," and the Nomination Paper may be in the following form or to the like effect:—
NOMINATION PAPER—DUBLIN PORT AND DOCKS ACTS, 1898 to 1925.
Election of ELECTIVE Members of the Board.
To be Held on
TUESDAY, the 9th day of January, 1934.
We, the undersigned, being respectively Electors, hereby nominate the following Person as a Candidate:—

Surname	Other Names	Abode or Place of Business	Description
Smith	William Henry	100 City Quay	Timber Merchant

The above-named William Henry Smith is proposed as a* Member.
*State whether Traders' Member or Shipping Member.

Signature	Number on Register of Electors
Thomas Jones	560
James Robinson	780

I, the above-named William Henry Smith, hereby consent to my being nominated as a Candidate at the said Election.
Dated this day of 19
Signed †WILLIAM HENRY SMITH.
†Signature of Candidate or person duly authorised to sign the Nomination Paper on his behalf.
4. Each Candidate must be nominated by a separate Nomination Paper, but the same Electors may subscribe as many Nomination Papers as there are vacancies to be filled, but no more.
5. Nomination Papers must be delivered by the Candidate himself or by his proposer and seconder to the Secretary of the Board, or to some person authorised to receive the same at the Office of the Dublin Port and Docks Board, before FOUR o'clock in the afternoon of SATURDAY, the 30th day of December, 1933.
6. The Returning Officers will attend at the Office of the Dublin Port and Docks Board on Monday, the 1st day of January, 1934, for a sufficient time between the hours of two and four o'clock in the afternoon to hear and decide objections to Nomination Papers.
7. Forms of Nomination Papers may be obtained at the Office of the Secretary of the Board.
PORT AND DOCKS OFFICE, DUBLIN.
Dated this 22nd day of December, 1933.
E. H. BAILEY, Secretary.

STEWART MENTAL HOSPITAL,
PALMERSTOWN, CO. DUBLIN.
OPEN TO LADIES OR GENTLEMEN suffering from mild mental complaints at rates from £126 per annum.
Resident Medical Superintendent and Trained Staff in attendance.
VOLUNTARY BOARDERS RECEIVED.
Apply to the Secretary at the Hospital. Telephone—No. 21787, Dublin

The Irish Times.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1933.

NEWS SUMMARY.

IRELAND.

Dublin's slum problem, as revealed by a tour of many of the city back streets, is dealt with by a special representative, who describes the congested conditions, the filth, and the diseases which abound.—(Page 7.).

The Free State Minister for Agriculture has ordered the suspension of the export of cattle to Great Britain and Northern Ireland *as from midnight to-night*.—(Page 7.).

The motion "That Ireland's prosperity depends on her membership of the British Commonwealth of Nations," was carried after an inter-university debate in Queen's University, Belfast, yesterday.—(Page 8.)

Viscount Craigavon (Prime Minister of Northern Ireland), in a Christmas message, states that the returns of their trading activities for the past twelve months show not only a marked improvement on those of recent years, but also that they are securing a larger share of the markets of the world. He is greatly relieved, therefore, by the thought that better times are on the horizon.—(Page 7.)

ABROAD.

President Roosevelt, by ratifying the London silver pact, hopes to bring about stabilisation at a figure above the present market price, and increase trade by raising the purchasing power of the Eastern peoples with a silver currency.—(Page 7.)

Britain and France have agreed to save the League of Nations, it is announced, following Sir John Simon's talks in Paris.—(Page 7.)

FINANCIAL.

London Stock markets closed on a firm note, and prices generally were better.—(Page 12.).

There was a sharp rise in silver on President Roosevelt's announcement, and the highest price was touched since June 21 last. Gold rose to 126s. 3d. per oz., and £500,000 in the market was taken for the usual quarters. The Treasury Bill rate was 1 1/16 per cent., as against 1 1/16 per cent. last week.—(Page 12.).

Dublin market was firm. Civil Service Building shares rose to 44.—(Page 12.).

Peace on Earth.

To a world that is distraught by political and economic crises Christmas comes as a season of blessed relief. The year that is drawing to a close has been filled with disappointments. Men and women have been driven almost to despair by the frustration of their hopes, and throughout the civilised world the respite of the next few days will be welcomed by millions of weary souls. Until next Wednesday the Christian world will rest from its labours, and during that brief space of time mankind will pay its yearly tribute to the Prince of Peace. Our modern world may be cynical. It may have its doubts and its intellectual difficulties; but when Christmas comes its thoughts go back inevitably to the lowly manger in Bethlehem in which the Son of Man was born. The human race is at its best at Christmastide. Feuds are buried; differences are forgotten, and the hardest heart softens under the spell of those good tidings of great joy, which on the first Christmas morning came to shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock. That ancient message is as fresh and inspiring to-day as it was when the first pæan of praise rose to the heavens. At Christmas human pride is humbled at the memory of a mystery that has revolutionised mankind. The good in every man and every woman triumphs over the fears, the suspicions and the petty prejudices that enslave the soul; and for a while the worst of us is but a little lower than the angels. No other force is able to bring about such a change. Science, philosophy, the arts—all fade into nothingness before the Christ-child's magic power. Christmas is a season of humility; for it brings the creature face to face with the glory of God.

This is the sixteenth Christmas since the Great War. Since that first reunion in 1918, when the world was almost hysterical with joy, the peoples of the earth have suffered sadly. Then the tide of hope was rising high in the human heart. Nations were pledging themselves to a lasting reign of peace, and the idea of good will towards men was beginning to take concrete shape. Now, after fifteen years, the world once more has forgotten. The burning ideals of the early post-war period have died, leaving behind them sorrowful ashes of disillusionment; and nations have almost ceased to hope. Devoted individuals have striven manfully to bring about some measure of disarmament, to turn the popular mind away from thoughts of war, and to replace the old system of military victories and defeats by the principles that inspired the Sermon on the Mount. They have failed. Hardly anybody now believes in the League of Nations. Disarmament has become a sorry farce. One by one the nations that have pledged themselves to permanent peace are increasing their fighting forces. It is a dreadful outlook; but no man who is honest with himself can deny that the world is heading straight for disaster. Throughout Europe the peoples that suffered defeat fifteen years ago are preparing for revenge. The victorious Powers have been false to their trust, with the result that new animosities have been created, and old grudges have been intensified.

In our own little island Christmas finds a people perplexed in the extreme. Where can the dove of peace find a resting place in Ireland? Not only is the Free State engaged in a futile and costly economic war with Great Britain, but our people are divided among themselves; and on all sides we find a lack of that spirit of Christian charity that ought to mark the Christmas season. During the last few days Dublin has been living in an atmosphere of artificial excitement. The machinery of the law has been working overtime, while the cries and counter-cries of party politicians have drowned the voice of reason. Almost on the eve of Christmas a stunning blow was dealt to the Free State cattle trade by the imposition of a new quota system by the British Government. Thousands of hard-working farmers in the twenty-six counties are facing almost certain ruin, and Christmas for them will be a sad feast. Is it not possible that, at this season of good-will, somebody will take the first step towards the ending of this senseless conflict? No nation can thrive on hatred. The British people are anxious to make friends with Ireland, and, as nature has thrown our two islands together for better or for worse, it surely is high time that their inhabitants should decide to live in peace with one another. After all, the issue between the Free State and Great Britain is largely a matter of *amour propre*. The material differences between them could be reconciled in a few hours; but nothing can be done without that good-will which is the essential *message of Christmas*. In wishing all our readers the age-old blessing of "A Merry Christmas," we hope and pray that, twelve months hence, Ireland's present troubles will have become an unhappy memory. The time is over-past for a gesture of peace.

A Year Book.

We have received, *via* the Canadian Government Trade Commissioner in Dublin, a copy of the *Canada Year Book for 1933*. *It is* a huge and comprehensive tome of more than 1,100 pages. One would not select it to while away the half hour before sleep, or to take on a holiday; but to anyone who seeks to learn about the Dominion of Canada and all that is therein the *Year Book* has almost immeasurable value. It opens with a lengthy chapter on the physiography of the Dominion—its fauna and flora, geology, climate, natural resources, land and water areas, lakes, rivers and mountains. A short chapter is devoted to history and chronology, and is followed by a series of essays on Canada's Constitution and mode of government, including her relation with the rest of the Empire and with the League of Nations. Details of population, vital statistics, and a record of immigration in recent years—and in the comparatively remote past—are given in succeeding chapters, after which the country's economic conditions are treated in some nine hundred pages. It is almost impossible to ask a question about the production and commerce of Canada that is not answered in the course of this admirable survey. Seek to find the quantity and value of creamery butter produced by any one of the nine provinces in the years 1929 to 1931, and they are there. The precise number of men and women employed in the production of statuary, clothes pins, ice cream cones and motion pictures finds its place. The movement of coin and bullion during the fiscal years 1868 to 1933 is classified in a page of figures. Bounties, patents, copyrights and trade marks possess a section to themselves. What were the operation expenses of the Grand River Electric Railway in 1931? Turn to page 677, and learn that they amounted to £237,952. The coasting trade, telegraph and telephone services, public debt, bank deposits, wage rates, imports and exports, traffic statistics—all are analysed and tabulated. Finally come chapters on education, public health and benevolence, judicial and jail statistics, the naval, military and air services, the Indians and Eskimos, the civil service, recent legislation, and the last Imperial Conference, with maps and diagrams in abundance. Would it not be an excellent thing if the Free State published such a Year Book? At present the seeker after knowledge of her conditions can find nothing in convenient form. The *Statistical Abstract* is extremely useful, but it covers only a small part of the ground traversed by this Canadian compilation. Solid information about the Free State is scattered over a multitude of reports and other detached publications, which can be obtained only at the cost of money and peace. Her *Official Handbook* is a readable and accurate, but superficial, production, designed rather to assist the tourist than to inform the student. A compact volume, embracing all her activities, and composed on the lines of the *Canada Year Book*, not only would have enormous value for her representatives abroad, and for many citizens at home, but would be the best possible advertisement for the Free State.

Treasure Hunt.

The world, as Alice might have said, becomes "curiouser and curiouser." That a man should set out for Abyssinia to search for the Queen of Sheba's jewels is not surprising; he may have been induced to do so by the prospect of gain, by an adventurous spirit, or even by the desire to make Rider Haggard's romances come true. That he should choose to travel on a tandem "push-bicycle" removes his enterprise at once from the realms of cold fact and places it in those of the grotesque. Yet this procedure is actually being followed by Mr. John Carveth Wells, who pedalled out from London yesterday on the first stage of his journey, accompanied by his wife. Mr. Wells holds that he is embarking on no wild-goose chase; for he claims to be one of the few men in the world who know where the jewels are hidden. Five years ago a friend of his, an American explorer, found them in the mountains, but was unable to remove them owing to the unsettled state of the country. As proof of the genuineness of his claim, however, he brought back a few specimens with him, and these, it is said, are now in British and American museums. Accordingly, Mr. Wells now ventures forth to collect the remainder, armed with supreme confidence and a tandem "push-bicycle." He and his wife intend to cycle across France, Italy and Egypt, and thence to their destination, while the sidecar attached to their machine will serve as a repository for the jewels—when found. We might be doing Mr. Wells an injustice by describing his conduct as merely capricious; but, surely, buried treasure never was sought by such curious methods.

Belfast's Outlook.

Messrs. Harland and Wolff's statement, which we printed yesterday, looks back upon a year of destitution, and forward to a year of high promise. That great firm—perhaps, the most famous firm of shipbuilders in the whole world—launched no new vessels from its Belfast yards in 1933, and very little tonnage from its Glasgow and London yards. Its total output was probably the lowest on record. On the other hand, 1934 promises a substantial improvement in the firm's fortunes. These tidings, coupled with the recent news of valuable contracts for Messrs. Workman, Clark, will make a very real difference to Belfast's outlook for the new year. The magnificent shipyards have been silent, or have echoed sporadically, for many years past, and the result has been a city's impoverishment. The tide really seems to have turned at last. Northern Ireland's agriculture is prospering in proportion as the Free State farmers lose their livelihood. The linen industry has experienced a faint revival of welfare during the past twelve months, and there is every indication that the revival will be intensified during 1934. Now, if the shipbuilders, who employ so many thousands of citizens, have set their feet upon the mounting path, all three of the North's chief industries are faced with a fair prospect. We, whose ideal is a united Ireland—to whom, therefore, the interests of the North are as vital as those of the South—rejoice that this promise of good fortune attends Belfast.

THE KING.

Quirinius in Syria
And Herod in Jerusalem,
Augustus Cæsar, Emperor;
And, down in quiet Bethlehem,
The greatest King of all of them.

Treasure in ancient Syria
And riches in Jerusalem,
The pomp and pageantry of Rome;
But, in the shed at Bethlehem,
No sceptre and no diadem.

Unheeded tombs in Syria,
Dead temples in Jerusalem,
And crumbling palaces in Rome.
And men who have forgotten them
See still, in quiet Bethlehem,
The Lord and King of all of them.

D. M. LARGE.

PRIME MINISTER'S CHRISTMAS.

Mr. Malcolm Macdonald and Miss Ishbel Macdonald will be the only members of the Premier's family who will be at The Hillocks during the Christmas season.

The Prime Minister, according to present arrangements, will fulfil no public engagements in the North during his stay, and his vacation will be governed entirely by the pressure of work.

COURT AND PERSONAL.

The King gave audience to several members of the Government before he left London, and the Earl of Stanhope had an interview with His Majesty. Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret accompanied Their Majesties when they left for Sandringham, where the Duke and Duchess of York will join the Royal party to-day.

None of the Royal Family will be in London for Christmas. Princess Helena Victoria and Princess Marie Louise were the last to leave yesterday, and will spend Christmas with some friends in the country.

The Duke of Gloucester, who is President of the National Association of Boys' Clubs, will visit Manchester, Liverpool and Lancaster next month, and will inspect a number of boys' clubs.

The Spanish Ambassador has left London to join his wife and family in Madrid for Christmas. The Danish Minister and Countess Ahlefeldt-Lauring and their daughter are leaving Avonmouth to-day in the s.s. Cavina, for a cruise to the West Indies. The Chilean Ambassador and Madame Tocornal will return to London to-day from the Continent. The Lithuanian Minister has returned to London from Lithuania.

Among the passengers on the P. and O. steamer Maloja, which has left for Port Said are the Hon. Oliver and Mrs. Farrer, Sir Robert Horne, K.C., M.P., and the Hon. Alexander and Lady Margaret Shaw, Major-General Sir R. Bannatine-Allason, Sir John and Lady Withers, Lieutenant-General Sir Henry and Lady Pryce, Sir John Bell, Colonel Sir Henry Gidney and Sir James Brunyate are among the passengers who left Tilbury yesterday on the s.s. Rawalpindi for the Mediterranean and the East.

Sir Austen and Lady Chamberlain and Miss Diane Chamberlain are spending the Christmas season in Cairo, where the Marquess and Marchioness of Londonderry and the Ladies Stewart have arrived, and will make a short stay before Lord Londonderry starts on his inspection of the Eastern air stations.

Brenda Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava and her husband, Captain Henry C. Somerset, are reported to be progressing satisfactorily after the injuries that they sustained in a motoring accident early this week.

The engagement has just been announced of Mr. Francis Basil Banbury, elder son of Mr. Banbury, of Chilcotes, Baldock, and Miss Jasmine Mabel van de Weyer, youngest daughter of Major and the Hon. Mrs. Van de Weyer, of Cliffe, Dorchester, and niece of Viscount Powerscourt.

The Duke and Duchess of Northumberland, Joint Masters of the Percy Hunt, lent Alnwick Castle for the annual hunt ball, at which over four hundred guests were present last Thursday night.

Some of the latest arrivals at St. Moritz include Lord Hindlip, Lady Manton, the Hon. M. Watson, the Hon. Benjamin and Mrs. Bathurst, the Hon. Mrs. and the Misses Brand, Sir Robert and Lady Evans, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Guinness, Major and Mrs. A. G. Barrys and Mr. and Mrs. McMeekin.

The Marquess and Marchioness of Headfort are spending Christmas at Headfort, and will entertain a party for the new year for their annual covert shoot.

Lord and Lady Dumfries and their children have arrived at Castle Forbes, where they will spend Christmas.

Sir John and Lady Eleanor Keane have arrived at Cappoquin House, County Waterford, where they will spend the holidays.

The Earl of Rosse and his brother have returned to Birr Castle. The Earl and Countess of Enniskillen are spending Christmas at Florence Court.

The engagement is announced between Eric Singleton Longford, elder son of the late C. S. S. (Stan) Drought and Mrs. Walthuis, 36 Brighton road, Rathgar, and Vera Mildred Walsh, B.A., Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow, youngest daughter of the late Edward Walsh and Mrs. I. M. Walsh, Ballina, Co. Mayo.

A marriage has been arranged, and will take place early in the new year, between Mr. Frank O'Mahony, second son of the late John Patrick O'Mahony and Mrs. O'Mahony, 120 O'Connell street, Limerick, and Sheelah, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Quaid, "Ardbeag," Limerick.

The engagement is announced between George Edward, only child of the late Ernest ("Colonel") Everatt, of Manchester, and Mrs. Everatt, of 16 Kent avenue, Ealing, and Phyllis Kathleen, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Smith, Avondale, Merlyn Park, Ballsbridge.

Dr. Leonard Abrahamson has left town for two weeks.

Dr. Augusta M. Young has left town for a week.

Dr. R. V. Dowse has changed his address from 39 Palmerston road to 87 Lower Baggot street.

Switzer and Co., Grafton street, will remain open all day to-day (Saturday). For "last minute" Gift choosing this is the recognised centre—the selection being practically unlimited. The premises will re-open on Wednesday morning, 27th December.

Holmes', George's street—Chilprufe Underwear, Men's, Women's, Children's. Ladies' and Girls' Outerwear. Booklet free.

Balbriggan and Rock Irish Underwear.

Holmes', George's street, will remain open late to-day for the convenience of their many customers.

Margaret Watson begs to announce that her premises will be closed until Thursday, 28th.—17a Dawson street.

PASSENGERS BY ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.

Among the arrivals were:—Mr. G. A. Crozier, Mr. R. H. Stewart, Mr. W. J. Douglas, Captain G. H. Patton, Miss M. Russell, Mr. G. J. Gailey, Miss K. ffrench, Miss E. ffrench, Mr. Francis Kennedy, Mr. L. J. Higginbotham, Miss E. Sheridan, Mr. C. H. MacFetridge, Miss Grace Carroll, Miss Alice Sheridan, Miss F. Farrell, Miss Dorothy Farrell, Miss C. Pratt, Mr. M. Ryan, Mr. E. Walshe, Mr. K. Hickey, Mr. T. Tedcastle-Lee, Mr. Paul Farrell, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Phillips, Dr. P. J. Russell, Captain E. F. Lynch, Miss Y. Mitchell, Mrs. A. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. B. Mack, Master H. P. B. Mack, Miss M. Colgan, Mr. A. Colgan, Miss M. Pyke, Mr. J. A. Taylor, Mr. D. B. McMahon, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Plunkett, Mrs. J. McClure, Miss M. E. Metcalfe, Mr. D. Perry, Miss M. Tighe, Mrs. J. B. Armstrong, Miss Olive MacDonald, Mr. W. P. Griffin, M.B.; Mr. and Mrs. M. Rose, Miss Helena Rose, Mr. and Mrs. C. Butterworth, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hall, Mr. P. J. Leonard, Mr. S. B. Dubarry, Mr. and Mrs. C. Merton, Mr. H. P. Davies.

Among the departures were:—Mrs. Bindon Blood, Dr. Leonard Abrahamson, Mrs. L. Abrahamson, Mr. J. M. Scott, Miss Fitzgerald Hart, Miss Ruth Smellie, Dr. W. P. J. Dunsmore, Mrs. Lanigan O'Keeffe, Mr. D. B. O'Brien, C. B. McKenna, Miss C. L. Reid, Miss C. H. Cook, the Hon. Mrs. G. Stafford, Miss Cynthia Stafford, Miss Marguerite Dockrell, Mr. M. E. Dockrell, Mrs. Rush, Miss Florence Ward, Mrs. Duff, Mrs. R. R. Wilson, Miss Margery Laird, Miss Jennie Z. Rubinstein, Mr. E. Northridge, Mrs. H. A. Sloan, Miss Helen James, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Dunlop, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Dunlop, Mr. A. L. Riley, Miss Claire Murphy, Miss Irene Murphy, Colonel M. J. Carpendale, Miss Angel Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Porter, Captain and Mrs. Russell Webb, Miss Madeleine Patton, Miss N. K. Heavy, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Harrison, Miss Elsie M. Tuckey, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Reid, Mr. D. McClintock, Mr. William Dawson, Mrs. Joze, Mr. and Mrs. Harrup, Mr. H. F. Sloan, Mrs. A. H. Dudley, Miss M. A. Latimer, Mrs. A. M. Robinson, Miss Robinson, Mrs. A. W. H. Breakey, Mrs. A. Wine.

PASSENGERS BY THE B. AND I. LINE,
VIA LIVERPOOL.

Among the arrivals were:—The Hon. F. H. Prittie, the Hon. R. P. Trench, Sir George Murphy, Mr. D. W. Lambert, Miss M. Keane, Miss M. J. Jackson, Mr. R. W. Hay, Dr. K. M. Greer, Mr. J. J. F. Farrell, Mr. F. C. Fisher, Mr. T. Clampitt, Mr. F. M. Doyne, Mr. C. F. Dillon Kelly, Mr. F. C. Fisher, Dr. K. M. Greer, Mr. H. Gore Booth, Miss E. M. Hunt, Miss L. A. Hardy, Miss F. M. Kenny, Mr. R. E. McDowell, Mr. J. A. Nicholson, Dr. O'Sullivan, Mrs. J. O'Rourke, Lieutenant-Colonel Purser, Mr. N. Reynolds, Miss J. M. Robinson, Mrs. Tennyson, Miss P. Smith, Mr. C. S. Wilson, Captain Wheeler, Mr. W. B. N. Thorpe, Miss C. M. Sinclair.

Among the departures were:—Mr. L. C. Brittain, Mr. Morgan Evans, Mr. W. J. Vickers, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Nolan, Mr. B. Kennedy, Mr. L. G. Gunn, Mr. G. Lindsay, Mr. J. Cooper, Mr. P. Dinsmore, Mr. E. Rigby Jones, Mr. T. Barron, Mr. R. Eason, Mr. D. J. Jenkins, Mr. J. Flynn, Mr. A. S. Whitehead, Mr. E. E. Hey, Mr. R. Briggs, Mr. F. Watson, Mr. T. M. Blackmore, Miss Maureen Cooper, Mr. F. Davies, Mr. S. H. L. King, Miss H. Wilmot, Mr. J. H. D. Fidler, Mr. A. Rice, Mr. A. Paley, Mr. J. D. Harris, Mr. F. H. Ellis, Mr. G. F. Shore, Miss Bohane, Miss J. Spottiswood, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Shannon, Mr. C. Brooks, Miss L. Poundall, Mr. R. L. Williams, Dr. J. J. Webb, Mr. S. Donnellan, Mr. E. N. Reid, Miss R. Gibbs, Miss F. Black, Mr. W. G. Eason.

Exquisite Bouquets, Wreaths, Crosses, Floral Designs. Choicest flowers. Shortest notice. Lowest prices.—Ramsay's, 50 Nassau street.

Byrne and O'Connell's—Any remains of Ladies' Hand Bags and Christmas Novelties will be sold to-day at prices to clear. Open until 9 o'clock.—12 Lower Baggot street.

To LADIES.—Ladies' Department for Medical Appliances of all kinds. Artificial Silk Elastic Stockings, flesh, without seam; unnoticed with modern hosiery—Fannin and Co., 41 Grafton street.

DEATH.

RYAN—December 23, 1933, at her residence, "Selma," Nashville Park, Howth, Margaret Josephine (Pearlie), widow of the late John Francis Ryan, and daughter of the late Edward Carrigan. Funeral strictly private. No flowers, by request.

LONDON LETTER.

THE PRICE OF SILVER.

59 FLEET STREET, LONDON,
FRIDAY NIGHT.

President Roosevelt's announcement that he had ratified the silver agreement reached at the World Economic Conference in London last July was received with great interest in the London bullion market to-day. The agreement referred to was reached at the conference between eight of the chief silver-producing and using countries, with a view to mitigating fluctuations in the price of the metal. India has already ratified the agreement, and other countries are about to do the same. The decision of the United States Government to purchase 24,000,000 ounces of silver annually at 64½ cents an ounce must have an important effect upon the future of the market, although the bullion brokers are unable to give any idea as to how far-reaching the effects will be. Speculative buying was in evidence to-day, with an immediate rise in the price. The United States often sells silver in the London market, and the absence of this feature will contribute to a high price for the metal, though there is still a big Mexican production, which is virtually controlled by the United States. The higher price which will result from this new policy will bring relief to the Eastern markets, where silver is the principal medium of exchange, and purchasing power is likely to be greatly increased.

France and Germany.

Sir John Simon has lost no time in meeting M. Paul-Boncour in Paris, and to-day the Foreign Ministers of Great Britain and France had a long conversation about the text of the new draft convention to be submitted at Geneva if the Disarmament Conference should reassemble. This draft convention provided an official reason for the meeting; but, in the circumstances, it must be assumed that the two Ministers were more concerned with the demands made by Herr Hitler in his recent conversations with the British and French Ambassadors in Berlin. One result of these demands has been to increase the French unwillingness to discuss Germany's armaments in any further two-Power conversations, while it is also believed that the French Government will decline to enter into any negotiations with Germany on questions involving the revision of the Treaty of Versailles. France, in fact, will not consent to negotiate with Germany directly or indirectly on this point, and will only agree to discuss German questions in a conference at Versailles.

The Government of Burma.

Sir Samuel Hoare, the Secretary for India, published to-day three memoranda on the Government of Burma, which have been submitted by him to the Joint Committee on Indian constitutional reform. The first is explanatory of the points of difference between the constitutional proposals for Burma, if separated from India, and those contained in the India White Paper. The second relates to the question of franchise for the Lower House in Burma, the composition of the Legislature, and the representation of minority communities and special interests in the Legislature. It suggests a Lower House of 133 members, in which the minority communities will be represented to the extent of 26.3 *per cent.* of the seats. In the event of Burma's separation from India, the memorandum proposes a Senate of 36 members, half of whom would be indirectly elected by the Lower House, and half nominated by the Governor. The third memorandum deals with the areas which it is proposed to exclude, wholly or partially, from the purview of the Legislature to be established under the new constitution.

Christmas Spending.

Improved trade conditions and the decrease in the number of the unemployed are reflected in a most marked manner in the Bank of England return, which shows that the active note circulation has risen by nearly £8,000,000, during the past week to £389,863,916, which is a higher total than has existed at any time since the Treasury and bank note issues were amalgamated five years ago. The previous highest total was £388,242,899, at the end of December, 1928. During the past few weeks the total increase in the notes in circulation amounts to £22,345,915, which compares with last year's £13,345,585. Christmas trade is unusually active this year, and, since the bank figures were made up on Wednesday, it is probable that there has been a further increase in the notes in circulation.

The Lena Goldfields.

It was rumoured this morning that the difficulties outstanding in connection with the Lena Goldfields and other troublesome points had been overcome, and that the anglo-Soviet trade treaty was ready for completion. Later, however, it became known that the assumption was premature. The treaty, indeed, was almost complete, but the settlement of the Lena Goldfields dispute, which the British Government made a condition for signing, is far from realisation. The Soviet Government, while willing to negotiate directly with the company, objects to the joining of this business with the trade negotiations, and it does not seem that this attitude will be abandoned easily. The negotiations, therefore, must continue, unless they break down altogether.

Wheat in England.

A preliminary statement of agricultural returns shows a considerable increase in the acreage under wheat in England and Wales, and in the crop production generally of 1933. At 1,660,360 acres, the acreage under wheat was greater by 29 *per cent.* than in 1932, and the total production of wheat is estimated to be 31,476,000 cwt., or 9,385,000 cwt. more than last year—an increase equivalent to 42 *per cent.* This is striking, since it reveals that in time Great Britain may be able to provide a large amount of the foodstuffs that she requires, instead of importing them from overseas.

The Codex Sinaiticus.

The Codex Sinaiticus, the oldest copy of the Bible in the world, which has been purchased for the British Museum, is being conveyed by a special courier from Russia, and is due to arrive here to-morrow. The Codex will be taken to the Museum next Wednesday, and will be submitted to a careful examination by experts. If they are satisfied that all is well it will be placed on view on Wednesday or Thursday next. It is stated to-day that the negotiations to acquire the book have taken over three years, and that the £100,000 to be paid is only half the sum originally asked. The whole of the sum paid will be expended in this country.

Napoleon's Place of Exile.

The efforts made by a number of Frenchmen to bring about the restoration of Longwood House, St. Helena, where Napoleon lived during his exile, are meeting with difficulties owing to local conditions. After the Emperor's death the house was stripped by souvenir-hunters of all the objects of value that it contained, while rats—a plague of the island—and bad weather combined to make the house uninhabitable. In the meanwhile the committee of historians now working in Paris for the reconstruction has been able to collect a number of documents and pieces of furniture, though it still lacks news of a number of important objects missing from the collection. Several relics of the Emperor's sojourn on St. Helena have been promised to the restoration committee by people in this country.

To-day's Engagements and Weather Forecast will be found on Page 3.

DUBLIN NEEDS 10,000 NEW HOMES.

WORK OF CLEARING LARGE SLUM AREAS.

CONGESTED CONDITIONS IN WHICH THE POOR LIVE.

TWELVE FAMILIES IN A HOUSE.

BY OUR SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE.

SLUMS, with their attendant squalor and sickness, are to be found in every big city in the world. How often has that remark been made when Dublin's housing problem has been mentioned in a conversation? I, like nearly everyone else, have said it many times, and so salved my conscience, and ceased to think of the conditions under which so many citizens of Dublin live.

Yesterday I was shaken out of this smug complacency.

Down mean streets and alleyways, through streets that once formed part of the best residential quarter of Ireland's capital, I walked and saw something of Dublin's disgrace. After only fifteen minutes in the slum district, looking into one or two of the tenements, I wondered how the population of any country could have let such conditions exist for so long before they made a determined effort to relieve the inhabitants of these "rabbit warrens," that only by courtesy can be called houses.

RATS, FILTH AND DISEASE.

Almost within the shadow of Dublin's City Hall I found as many as twelve families living in one house, each occupying only one room. In each family there was at least four persons, but in most of them six or seven, and often as many as twelve. I talked to one woman—she looked hardly more than a girl—who had been born in the house in which I found her. It was in an upstairs room that she had been born and spent the first eighteen years of her life. Then she married. There was no other accommodation, so she lived with her husband (who was born in a similar tenement near by) in another room in the same house. The rent was four shillings a week.

Now she is about twenty-three and has three children, and still they all live in one small room, cooking, eating and sleeping. But I take off my hat to that woman. She is a heroine. During the few years of her marriage she has stood by her husband while he has been unemployed, sick and struggling to earn just the few shillings they need to keep body and soul together. Despite the distress she has suffered and the despair that must have eaten itself into her soul, she keeps that little room as clean as any room I have ever been in during my life.

CHILDREN IN PASSAGES.

Along passage ways, where the floorboards shook under my feet, and into other rooms—each housing a family—I passed. Children sprawled about these passages in many of the houses. They seemed as if they did not know how to play—they had no toys; their very spirits seemed cramped, as if by the atmosphere of the places where they lived.

Some of the rooms were almost sickening to enter. The smell of boiled cabbage pervaded the atmosphere, but mingled with it were other odours, indescribable save by the word revolting.

Sanitary conditions in these tenement houses are surely the strangest one could meet anywhere. In buildings, housing, perhaps, ten or twelve families, there are usually about two sanitary conveniences for common use—that is, for fifty people in many cases. Their condition is disgraceful as well. They are plague spots—for their filth can only breed disease. I suppose what is everybody's business is nobody's business; for it would appear that they are very rarely cleaned, with the result that many families, in which the mother struggles to keep her children healthy, cannot use these places without grave danger.

RATS.

Rats are another menace in many of these tenement houses. One man, who has a wife and four children, told me that although he has two rooms in the house, all the family has to sleep in one room because of the rats, which run about the living room at night.

In the backyards of these places bricks and rubble seem to accumulate from nowhere, and, when the narrow-eyed children do play about, it is on these heaps of rubbish. If one falls and cuts himself there is every chance that his wound will turn septic; for mothers who have six or seven children, ranging upwards from a month to ten or twelve years, have little time to give special attention to one or another—except the very youngest.

Looking upwards to the windows, with panes broken or cracked in nearly every one of them, I saw how these people are forced to dry their washing. A little spar, carrying two lines sticks out from the windowsill, and these hold the clothes which the woman has had to wash in that room where she and her husband and children spend their lives.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Tuberculosis is one of the diseases which is taking a big toll amongst the inhabitant's of Dublin's slumdom. It is recognised by all medical men as a contagious disease, but how can it be prevented from spreading when a whole family are living in one room? Sometimes several of them sleep in one bed. The Public Health Department of the Dublin Corporation endeavour to fight the disease, but the difficulties under present circumstances militate against a lasting improvement in any person suffering from tuberculosis.

I met one woman yesterday who had been sent away to a sanatorium earlier this year, but she had to return to her one-roomed home in three weeks—before any real improvement in her condition could be made—because there was nobody to look after her three young children.

Later, when I met Dr. Russell, Dublin's Medical Officer of Health, and I mentioned this woman, he told me that there are many such cases.

"The tragedy of it," he said, is the patient returning to the one-room dwelling where there are several other members in the family—in many cases there is not sufficient room for a second bed. You can see what the consequences are likely to be in a disease where isolation is of such immense importance."

Dr Russell was in the Glorney's Buildings district inspecting the houses in this area with a view to scheduling a clearance scheme which is being tackled by the Dublin Corporation. When I spoke of the difficulties of his task, he replied that it was a most depressing experience to find so many decent families living in one-roomed dwellings—people of both ages and all sexes—many of them in basements totally unfit for human habitation.

"You can imagine the opportunities for the spread of infectious diseases, especially diphtheria and measles, amongst children.

"It is heartening, however, to feel that the situation is now being tackled by the City Manager and Corporation in a bold and determined manner. And in a few years we shall see a wonderful improvement."

FROM ONE-ROOMED HOMES.

Dr. Russell's task is certainly a difficult one, for he has a great personal interest in these people. He wants to move them out of their hovels as soon as possible, and so improve the health of Dublin. Nearly one-third of the population of the city live in one-roomed homes, he told me, and, somehow or other, the Dublin Corporation has to provide for the re-housing of them all.

Most of the people whom I visited were ready to talk. The younger wives were eager to secure cottages. So eager, I learned, that they sometimes attempt to try and rent cottages which are actually above their means. They do not always realise that their husbands are not in constant employment. They may be working this week, but will they still be in employment next week, next month, or next year?

Many of the older people, however, seemed harder in nature, maybe it was their spirits that had been broken by twenty, thirty or even forty years of life in the same room, with little light or air to freshen their minds or their faces. Things have always been this way, and will probably go on in the same way was their attitude.

Some resented my intrusion into their houses. "You just write about us to fill your paper," one man said to me. "You don't care how we live. What do you do to improve our conditions, anyway?" It was a hard question to answer, and, in my mind, I asked myself if anybody really believed what they read about the slums and the conditions of the people who lived in them. That man's remark had struck home. I felt that if there was anything I could do to help these people out of what must be a life of misery I would do it, but what is the use of just one man's realisation of how they pass their lives. It needs the interest of the whole country.—not because these people are poor, but because such housing conditions have been allowed to exist for so long.

BEHIND MUD WALLS.

It was in the Railway street district of the Free State's capital that I saw mud-walled cottages still inhabited. In the front the mud has been covered over with plaster, but in the backyards the mud was plainly visible for anyone to see. The builders had cheap material when they put them up and did not spare its use as regards thickness; for the walls are from eighteen inches to two feet thick, with the result that the light from the small windows is poor and the residents live their lives by lamplight in an atmosphere choked with smoke from badly-constructed chimneys.

In some of the small backyards a few dirty-looking chickens scratched at the dirt, while in another I saw a fine Irish terrier. What else have these people to take their minds off the squalor in which they are forced to live?

PROBLEM OF RE-HOUSING.

One of the greatest difficulties in re-housing the people from the slum areas is that where, perhaps, a dozen families are living at the present time there will be only room for two or three when new flats are constructed on the same site—and there is virtually no alternative accommodation. I was told that there is scarcely a single room vacant in the tenement houses, whereas, a few years ago, two or three hundred such rooms would be available.

This part of the housing problem necessitates two schemes of building being carried out simultaneously. One is the building of blocks of modern flats on the cleared sites of the present slum areas, and the other provides for the building of cottages on vacant spaces and virgin soil near the city boundaries.

Some people will be unable to take advantage of the accommodation provided by the cottages owing to the necessity for their living near their work, so they will find homes in the new flats. Every effort is being made, however, to persuade those who are able to afford cottages to go out and live in them.

WHAT THE CORPORATION IS DOING.

Attacks on the Dublin Corporation have frequently been made, and the attackers invariably allege that the civic authorities are slow to move in the matter of housing the people from the slums. As far as I could discover, this is not so. For many years the work of slum clearance was held up by lack of powers on the part of local bodies, but this has been remedied by the Housing Acts of 1931 and 1932, which give the authorities power to borrow money and acquire land, by compulsion if necessary, for rehousing. Increased State grants are also provided for.

At the present time the Corporation is working on a number of schemes for the erection of both flats and cottages. After the passing of the 1931 Housing Act one of the first steps of the Housing Committee was to inspect the slum areas, and they decided that these districts must be eradicated by sections.

COTTAGES AND FLATS.

Four thousand eight hundred families will be provided for by the cottages which are being built at Cabra, North Lotts, Ballybough, Crumlin and Clonliffe road. Flats for a total of 2,800 families are being built at Hanover street, Greek street, Mercers' street, Mary's lane, Townsend street, Cook street and on the Anchor Brewery site, while a further 1,800 families will be housed when the comprehensive scheme designed for the North City area, which includes Gloucester street, Railway street, Sean McDermott street, North Cumberland street and part of Gardiner street, is completed.

Other schemes are contemplated for areas in the vicinity of Spitalfields, Meath street, James's street, Newmarket, Watling street, Newfoundland street and the South quays. All these streets are behind Dublin's face—the smiling face she presents to her visitors and to many who live in the suburbs—but to anyone who passes through the district and sees the children sitting on the steps of the houses because they have nowhere else to go, and the dilapidated condition of the buildings, it seems that the smiling face covers a disease which has been inherited from a past generation, and which can only be cured by a major operation—the tearing down of these buildings and the erection of modern dwellings that will provide the maximum amount of light and air for the inhabitants.

REACTION TO NEW ENVIRONMENT.

The reaction of the people to their improved surroundings has always been a matter of argument, but I was assured by the Medical Officer of Health that it is most gratifying to see how the Dublin people respond to their new environment. Even in the exceptions, he said, he is satisfied that the children will be so improved by the new surroundings as to become model citizens of the future.

Housing, it was clear, from the districts I visited yesterday, cannot end with the schemes outlined at present, and the constructive policy must be continued until all the names that are on the housing committee's lists as awaiting new homes have been crossed off—there are ten thousand of them. What can one call that list at the present time but Dublin's "roll of dishonour"?

THE EXPORT OF IRISH CATTLE.

NEW FREE STATE ORDER.

PROHIBITION OF SHIPPING.

ALARM IN LIVERPOOL AREA.

THE Free State Minister for Agriculture has ordered the suspension of the export of cattle to Great Britain and Northern Ireland as from midnight to-night. It is noted that the order does not indicate any limit for the prohibition, but it is thought that it may not be beyond the 1st January.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

The official announcement was made in a statement from the Department of Agriculture last night, as follows:—

"In view of the limitation imposed by the British authorities on the importation of live cattle from the Irish Free State, the Minister for Agriculture has made an order under the Agricultural Products (Regulation of Export) Act, 1933, prohibiting, except under permit, the export of all live cattle, except milch cows and springers, calves under six months of age, and bulls intended for breeding purposes. The prohibition of export comes into operation as from midnight on Saturday, 23rd December, 1933.

"It will be noted that the Minister will not be in a position to issue permits under the order until further notice is given.

"A further order is being made providing for the registration of exporters of cattle. Persons desiring to be entered in the register should apply at once for forms of application to the Secretary, Department of Agriculture (Cattle Quota), Dublin, C.17."

REASONS FOR THE ORDER.

Cattle shipped from the Irish Free State last night got away without any restriction, but it is understood that as from to-night and until 1st January all exports of cattle from the Irish Free State will be prohibited. This is being done to allow time for the licensing of exporters. It is feared that if Free State cattle shipments were not suspended by Government order there would, in consequence of the quota, be a rush to forestall it. As a result there would be a glut of Irish cattle on the British markets for some time, and prices would fall, while the demand in this country would decline.

The reduction of fat-stock exports to Great Britain by 50 per cent. for the first three months of next year will mean a loss of £463,859, while the reduction in exports of store cattle for the same period will mean a loss to the country of £143,278.

CANADIAN EXPORTS.

The official view in Dublin is that by requesting Canada to restrict her live stock exports to Great Britain, the British authorities are showing their alarm at the steady increase in the number of Canadian cattle arriving at British ports.

It is pointed out that, whereas the Free State live stock exports are more or less stationary, though tending downwards, Canadian shipments are increasing to such an extent that British farmers are becoming alarmed, and it is suggested that Canada will suffer more under a voluntary scheme of restriction than the Irish Free State will under the compulsory quota.

MERSEYSIDE ALARM.

CALL FOR WITHDRAWAL OF ORDER.

FROM A CORRESPONDENT.

Merseyside Live Stock and Meat Traders' Associations are alarmed by the decision of the Ministry of Agriculture to cut down importations of Irish cattle supplies by 50 per cent. Trade associations, slaughtermen, and even the Liverpool Corporation Markets Department, have joined in a chorus of vigorous protest.

Liverpool Wholesale Meat Traders' Association has sent telegrams to all the Liverpool members of Parliament and to the Minister of Agriculture pointing out the serious consequences of the new policy. The Woodside and Wallasey Live Stock and Meat Traders' Associations are taking similar action in the hope of securing the withdrawal of this order.

SUBSTANTIAL LOSSES.

Mr. A. D. Harper, Liverpool Corporation Markets Manager, has sent to the member of Parliament for the division of Liverpool in which the Stanley Abattoir is situated, a telegram explaining that the Liverpool Abattoir absorbed 9,000 cattle for basic quarter. The effect of the 50 per cent. embargo would be to cause loss in the slaughter charges of the Corporation to the amount of £750, loss of slaughtermen's wages £900, loss in traders' turnover £50,000.

"Birkenhead and Liverpool traders," states the telegram, "furious, and making strong representations to the Ministry of Agriculture."

It is understood that the Wholesale Meat Traders' Associations of Merseyside and the slaughtermen, as well as the markets authorities, are making the issue one of common cause.

LEAGUE TO BE SAVED.

FRANCO-BRITISH AGREEMENT.

DRASTIC REFORM PLAN OPPOSED.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

PARIS, Friday.

GREAT BRITAIN agrees with France on the necessity for saving the League of Nations. This is the most tangible result of to-day's Two-Power conversations at the Quai d'Orsay.

Sir John Simon, the Foreign Secretary, was accompanied by Lord Tyrrell, the British Ambassador at Paris, during his talks with M. Chautemps, the French Premier, and M. Paul-Boncour, the Foreign Minister.

Sir John Simon gave his adherence to the French policy that—

(1) The essential principles of the League must be kept intact;

(2) The League is the terminus to which the present diplomatic negotiations must lead.

This means opposition to the Italian idea of drastic reform of the League, and recognition that nothing final can be settled between France and Germany in *tête-à-tête* conversations, disarmament and the Saar being subjects which interest the members of the League as a whole.

INFORMATIVE VISIT.

Sir John Simon came to Paris to learn rather than to inform. M. Chautemps and M. Paul-Boncour thus had an opportunity of explaining in detail their policy, the keynote of which remains as no rearmament on any account, and no disarmament without corresponding added security.

Sir John Simon was within the *rôle* of listener when he put some cross questions. The intrinsic value of Hitler's specific protestations was doubtless weighed in the balance. Agreement could hardly be complete, however, as the French and British do not use the same weights and measures in estimating German psychology.

The French Premier said at the conclusion of the conversations: "We are very grateful to Sir John for having stopped in Paris. The conversations were private, but I can tell you that we are both satisfied."

OFFICIAL REPORT.

Later the following *communiqué* was issued:—"Sir John Simon, on his way through Paris to Capri for the Christmas holidays, took the opportunity of visiting M. Chautemps and M. Paul-Boncour, with whom he lunched to-day in company with several members of the French Government. The French and British Ministers had a full and friendly exchange of views on international questions. In particular, they discussed together the prospects of agreement in view of the resumption of the Disarmament Conference, and recognised the importance of maintaining the authority of the League of Nations."

Before dinner Sir John Simon received at the British Embassy the Czechoslovakin Minister, who gave him a first-hand report of the attitude of the Little Entente. There will be a galaxy of French Ministers at to-morrow's luncheon at the Embassy, including the Premier, M. Paul-Boncour, M. Daladier, M. Sarraut, and M. Pierre Cot, as well as M. Caillaux, M. Berenger (President of the Foreign Affairs Commission of the Senate), M. Petri and M. Leger, Director-General of the Quai d'Orsay.

AGREEMENT WITH ALLIES.

As regards the matter of the German rearmament claims, it is difficult to see how direct negotiations could take place between France and Germany at the present moment.

As for the offer of non-aggression pacts, in the average Frenchman's view, so far from constituting new guarantees of peace, they would only considerably weaken existing pacts by altering the conditions of the Locarno guarantee.

With regard to the League, France fears the "manœuvres of Italy for a new League" far less now that an understanding has been reached through M. Benes with Czechslovakia and the Little Entente.

FRANCO-GERMAN TRADE TALKS.

FAILURE AT DELICATE MOMENT.

A semi-official German anouncement states that the trade negotiations with France "failed to reach an accord, despite German endeavours to arrive at an understanding."

The announcement, which intimates that the German Government will take what measures are necessary, adds that "the French delegation wanted so considerable a reduction in the German export balance that the remnant would no have sufficed to cover the transfer payments.

"The breakdown is regarded in Berlin as coming at a moment when the political relations of the two countries are in a somewhat delicate state."

"BETTER TIME ON THE HORIZON."

NORTHERN PREMIER'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE.

The Prime Minister of Northern Ireland (Viscount Craigavon) has issued the following Christmas message:—

"The year now drawing to a close has been marked by many outstanding events, but none, perhaps, fraught with such significance as the recent manifestation of the abiding loyalty of the people of Ulster to the Crown and Constitution. In a world torn by upheavals and sceptical in many places of our ideals of democratic government, it is a remarkable tribute to the solidarity of Ulster that she is still proud of past traditions, and as jealous as ever of the blessings and privileges of citizenship with British people the world over.

"I feel honoured, therefore, to be able once again as Prime Minister to send Christmas greetings to all your readers at home and abroad. Nearly two years ago the economic and financial structure of the whole United Kingdom was being undermined by tremendous world forces, chiefly financial, threatening the nation's very existence. Northern Ireland, in common with the rest of Great Britain, stood firm and faced the difficulties of those and succeeding days with commendable courage. I am confident that a well-deserved reward is within sight: the returns of our trading activities for the past twelve months show not only a marked improvement on those for recent years, but also that we are securing a large share of the markets of the world. I am greatly relieved, therefore, by the thought that better times seem to be on the horizon, and my wife joins with me in sending hearty good wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, coupled with the hope that the year 1933 will have been the forerunner of a prolonged period of peace, happiness and prosperity.

"CRAIGAVON.

"Stormont Castle,
Christmas, 1933."

NEW MOTOR LICENCES.

NOVEL VARIATION IN PROCEDURE.

INSURANCE IN THE FREE STATE.

USE OF CARS DURING CAUTIONARY PERIOD.

BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

THE registered owners of the sixty thousand private motor cars licensed to use the roads of the Irish Free State received this week from their respective licensing authorities a reminder that their road taxation licences will expire on the last day of the present month. If all of these reminders have not been delivered they will be among the Christmas mails to be distributed in the course of the next few days. Enclosed with the notices is a summary of the compulsory insurance provisions of the Road Traffic Act, 1933, prepared with the care, and marked by the clarity, which is a usual characteristic of the documents issued by the Roads Department of the Free State Department of Local Government and Public Health.

The notice informs the registered owner of the licensed vehicle that if he wishes to avoid the trouble of calling at the local motor taxation offices, and the likely delay in waiting his turn to be attended, he can procure the necessary new licence by filling up an enclosed form and forwarding it, together with his motor registration book and a stamped addressed envelope, for the new licence to the authority issuing his licence.

In addition to his motor registration book and his cheque and stamped envelope the motorist is asked to enclose his "Certificate of Insurance." To this request he need not pay any attention. The form, of which this request forms a part, was evidently prepared some con siderable time ago, when it was intended that the compulsory insurance provisions of the Road Traffic Act should come into force on the first day of the new year. It does not seem to have occurred to anyone to strike out the unauthorised request before the forms were issued.

NO ACCEPTABLE CERTIFICATE.

As has already been announced, the order of the Minister fixing the date of the coming into force of this part of the Act named the date as the first day of February.

Many motorists—in fact, most motorists—are already insured voluntarily against the risks specified in the Act; but they cannot at present get from their respective insurance companies any form of certificate that would be acceptable to the Irish Free State authorities, although they can get a "certificate of insurance" in the form required if the vehicle is to be used in Northern Ireland and/or Great Britain. Presumably the insurance companies will have the forms of certificates for the Irish Free State, and will be ready to issue them, when the compulsory insurance provisions of the Free State Act become effective.

The usual comb-out by the police, to see that every car on the road is duly licensed, will, it is expected, commence immediatel- the old year has expired. If, however, the motorist has not received his new licence in the form of the coloured disc for display on his car, he need not hesitate to use his vehicle under the disc of this year, provided he has remitted his licence duty to the local motor taxation office, or intends to do so.

NOT A FREE PERIOD.

It is usual to give a cautionary period of a fortnight, during which cars can be used without penalty, under the licences of the preceding licensing period. It should be clearly understood, however, that this is not a "free" period. If the car is used for a single occasion after the 31st December it is liable for the licence duty for the period commencing 1st January. If the driver is stopped by a Guard his identification plate and number and his name and address will be noted. If his licence is renewed before the expiration of the cautionary period he will hear no more about the matter; but if it is not a prosecution for driving an unlicensed car will follow.

FROM "THE TIMES."

(BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT.)

PEACE AND GOOD-WILL.

The Times in a leading article on Peace and Good-will says:—With international politics most of us have no intention of concerning ourselves during the next few days, wisely preferring to concentrate upon what are, in the strictest sense, our domestic affairs. But when we turn at Christmas-time from the outside world to our private lives, probably enough, we may again re-discover the truth of the angels' song. Not in the outside world only is there to-day a strong desire for peace; at this Christmas a tragically large number of people find their hearts disquieted within them. Some are under the shadow of bereavement, and their sense of loss is made keener by the season. There is an empty place at this year's family gathering, or the annual happiness of choosing a gift for some old friend has vanished. Many people are oppressed, and not selfishly, by financial anxieties. There was a time, perhaps, when they were able to spend and give lavishly at Christmas. The contrast of that time with the present, which compels a continual struggle to make ends meet, is not exhilarating.

We cannot forget the hosts of men and women in every walk of life who are the victims of unemployment or, almost worse, are constantly haunted by the fear of it; and, apart from these and other specific troubles, a large proportion of folk in these days have lost their peace of mind, suffer from an unhappiness which is not less acute because it is secret and undefined. In part, it may be due to the strain and restlessness of modern life, to physical causes or to a mood of weariness over life and its problems. Such a mood tends to make its victim cynical and disagreeable. Yet, mere tradition causes him to feel ashamed of such an attitude at Christmastide.

So far from playing at being other people, we have but to allow our true and better selves to emerge. Good will shows itself in a straight-forward use of evident opportunities. We should see, for example, that the children are given their due place in this festival of the child. Family life in this country may not be declining so rapidly as the pessimists allege, yet the chance of strengthening the home ties at Christmas is to be welcomed. Again, it may well happen that there are friends fallen on evil days whom we desire to help. Because they are proudly sensitive at other times our aid might seem an affront; Christmas provides the opportunity and frees giving from misgiving.

A number of Indo-Chinese Communists, who have been under sentence of death, have been pardoned by the President of the French Republic.

MR. ROOSEVELT'S BOLD SILVER PLAN.

BID FOR MORE TRADE BY RAISING PURCHASING POWER OF EAST.

AIM TO STABILISE AT ABOVE PRESENT MARKET PRICE.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S ratification of the London silver agreement, and his order to the United States mints to coin half the annual production of 24,000,000 ounces of silver, have been received with mixed feelings in other silver countries.

It is questioned whether the plan will succeed unless ratified by all signatories of the London agreement. This, of course, is Mr. Roosevelt's hope. India was the first country to ratify the agreement, and, now that the United States have added their signature, he believes that world stabilisation of silver will soon be accomplished.

While Senator Pittman feels that Mr. Roosevelt's action will mean an enormous increase in America's export trade, Senator Thomas is of opinion that it is too limited to help foreign trade much.

Meantime, the report of the United States Secretary of Commerce, reviewing the year 1932-33, reveals that during the period there was a reduction in exports of 25 per cent., compared with the previous fiscal year.

HALF THE LEGAL PRICE.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

WASHINGTON, Friday.

The London Silver Pact, which President Roosevelt has now ratified, was an agreement reached at the World Economic Conference between eight of the chief silver-producing and using countries, with a view to mitigating fluctuations in the price of the metal.

Under the agreement certain restrictions were imposed on the sale of silver by the Government of India and the United States, and other countries would undertake not to sell silver during a four-year period and to purchase or otherwise withdraw from the market 35,000,000 fine ounces a year of mined silver, the shares to be arranged between the Governments concerned.

The President followed his ratification with an order to the United States mints to coin half the annual production of 24,000,000 ounces of silver for the benefit of producers. The other half will be kept by the Treasury as a reserve.

The White House has estimated that this will give a price of 64.5 cents per ounce, or half the legal price, and considerably above the market price.

SILVER DOLLARS.

The United States mints are opened by the proclamation to the coinage of standard silver dollars from silver produced in the United States from now onward. Coinage is subject to the producers' desire. If fully exercised it would mean the coinage of 13,900,000 silver dollars.

The President said that India had already ratified the agreement, and he understood that the other nations concerned were about to act. He believed that adherence would bring about stability of the silver price, and would permit the law of supply and demand to govern it.

He regarded the United States action in agreeing to the London silver pact as the most hopeful sign for world silver stabilisation.

He said that he hoped that the same measures would be extended to "other media of exchange" in the future. He did not mention gold specifically, but gold was the meaning construed from his statement. It was plain, however, that the President had no idea when gold would be stabilised.

The real feature of the silver coinage plan, he continued, was the fact that for the first time in the history of the world the nations have got together on one of the two great media of basic currency.

He expressed the hope that the other signatories of the London agreement would follow the lead of the United States and the Government of India in formally putting the agreement into effect.

MIXED RECEPTION.

"NOT NEARLY HIGH ENOUGH," SAYS EXPERT.

The proclamation is variously received in several parts of the United States, and its reception abroad is distinctly cool.

While the new silver policy is acclaimed in Salt Lake City and Utah generally as providing more employment, some of the leading silver advocates are thoroughly dissatisfied with the President's action. One important mine characterised the policy as "disastrous."

"We have been striving for a 16 to 1 ratio, whereas the President's action means a 64 to 1 ratio."

In the mining camp of Leadville, Colorado, which years ago produced many silver millionaires, an all-night celebration, with the firing of revolvers and an enormous consumption of the beverage, "Leadville Moon"—the local poteen—was the welcome given to it.

Senator Pittman says that President Roosevelt's action means an enormous increase in United States export trade, and will result in world-wide stabilisation of the silver price at 64.5 cents an ounce.

Senator Thomas, of Oklahoma, the re-valuation exponent, while approving the new policy, thinks that it is too limited, and will not help foreign trade much.

The Shanghai market was dumbfounded when the news of President Roosevelt's plan became known shortly before the opening this morning.

Speculators then became heavy sellers of dollars, but the banks were poor buyers.

It is questioned whether President Roosevelt's plan will succeed unless ratified by all signatories to the London agreement.

The proposals had a mixed reception in Bombay. Some hold that it is a step forward to higher commodity prices, while others point out that the gold purchases have not affected the world price, and that the silver proposals are likely to suffer the same fate.

It is pointed out that the American silver production is only one-sixth of the world total.

The silver market, however, where the price recently has been 7 rupees per 100 tolas (37½ ounces) below the London parity, opened bullish this morning, and advanced a rupee, mainly on bear covering. There appears to be no disposition to adopt a bullish attitude pending a lead from the London market.

AMERICA'S EXPORTS DROP.

COMMERCE DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL REPORT.

The review for the year 1932-33 by the United States Secretary of Commerce, which has been issued in Washington, says:—

"Definite signs of business revival throughout the world appeared during the fiscal year ended June 30th, 1933.

"By the close of the period, activity in most of the leading countries was moderately improved, but for the year, as a whole, the volume of business transacted was considerably less than in the proceeding year.

"Excessive trade restrictions, disorganised finances, debt burdens, fluctuating exchange and trade declines were among the factors operating to retard the expansion of business."

The report estimates that the total world exports of fifty leading countries were valued on a gold basis at only 10,241,374,000 dollars (£2,048,234,200 at par) and imports at 11,206,960,000 dollars, declines of approximately 25 and 26 per cent. from the proceeding year.

Other points from the report are:—

Despite the handicap of economic conditions, passenger miles flown in the United States increased from 120,121,467 in 1931-32 to 137,006,530 in 1932-33, an increase of 14 per cent. Passenger traffic decreased by 12 per cent., however.

QUARTER TONNAGE LAID UP.

United States exports dropped from 1,948,000,000 dollars in 1931-32 to 1,440,000,000 in 1932-33, or 25 per cent. Imports fell off 33 per cent., from 1,730,000,000 dollars in 1931-32 to 1,168,000,000 dollars in 1932-33.

The country's "invisible" transactions also tell to new post-war levels during the calendar year 1932. United States tourist expenditures abroad falling approximately 22 per cent. below the level of 1931.

The Federal Airways system now comprises 18,100 miles of lighted and 900 miles of unlighted airways, equipped with 261 landing fields and 68 radio communication stations.

On June 30th, 1933, the merchant marine of the United States comprised 24,868 vessels, aggregating 15,060,157 gross tons. Laid up and out of commission ships total 2,662 vessels, aggregating 4,746,538 tons.

With nearly 2,000,000 domestic patents granted, the volume of new business presented to the Patent Office was the lowest in 25 years. There was a decrease of approximately 14,000 in the number of new patent applications filed.

NORTH ATLANTIC PASSENGER RATES.

UNITED STATES LINES' ANNOUNCEMENT.

The United States Lines announce, effective January 1, 1934, minor alterations in the passage rates for their ships Manhattan, Washington, President Harding, and President Roosevelt, which will be effected concurrently with alterations made in the passage rates of other North Atlantic liners. For example, the Manhattan and Washington will quote a winter minimum one-way rate for cabin class of £36 15s., against £35 10s., and round trip rate of £68, against the existing rate of £67 15s.

For the President Harding and President Roosevelt the cabin class one-way rate will be £27 15s., against the present rate of £29 15s., and the round trip £51 10s., against £55 5s. The round trip reduction, which has previously been in force, of 5 per cent. off the combined one-way fares for the super-cabin steamers to 7½ per cent., is an extra inducement to those contemplating a journey to America and back.

The cabin rates on the Atlantic, as from January 1, remain very attractive, and the difference between the Manhattan and Washington, and the so-called "monster ships" will continue to be more than £10 each way. The tourist and third class rates will also be slightly altered.

The announcement of the United States Lines is the first of the revised fare schedules which are the practical outcome of the months of discussions between representatives of the trans-Atlantic shipping lines on the question of classification of vessels and the adjustment of fares. The other companies concerned will make their announcements to-day. The revised rates come into operation on January 1, next.

GENERAL O'DUFFY'S DETENTION.

LEGAL ACTION CONTEMPLATED.

It was learned last night that the legal advisers of General O'Duffy, Commendant Kilcoyne and Mr. John L. Sullivan are considering the institution of an action for damages for false imprisonment against Superintendents Flinn and Murray and Captain Lennon, the Governor of Arbour Hill detention barracks.

General O'Duffy yesterday received 300 telegrams of congratulation upon the result of the *habeas corpus* action brought on his behalf, as well as many letters and telephone messages from places as far apart as Cork and Antrim.

A fifteen-year-old girl, Mary Anderson, of 1 Grant's row, Dublin, died in Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, yesterday, from serious burns which she received when her clothes caught fire at her home on December 12th.

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IRELAND'S PROSPERITY.

WHAT ARE ITS SOURCES?

DEPENDENCE ON COMMONWEALTH.

INTER-UNIVERSITY DEBATE.

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

BELFAST, Friday.

"THAT Ireland's Prosperity Depends upon her Membership of the British Commonwealth of Nations" was the subject for discussion at an inter-university debate held under the auspices of the Literary and Scientific Society in the Great Hall of Queen's University, Belfast, this afternoon.

After a vigorous discussion, in which various views were propounded by delegates from all the Irish universities, the motion was carried by 73 votes to 69.

In proposing the motion, Mr. T. Waldron, University College, Galway, said that before proceeding with the discussion he would like to convey the thanks of the visiting delegates to the president and the members of the Scientific Society for the splendid reception given them on the occasion of this debate.

The subject of discussion was, he said, a rather hackneyed one not only in the North, but in the South of Ireland. It was whether Ireland should become Ireland or remain a member of a family that it did not belong to, but there were a number of good reasons why it should remain in the British Commonwealth of Nations. One of the main reasons was that Ireland was too small a country to use up its surplus agricultural products, and they required the assistance of John Bull to eat up their surplus supplies of beef, butter and bacon.

That, however, was not his main reason. He contended that by remaining definitely within the British Commonwealth there was a prospect of removing the border between North and South. There was no name sufficiently bad to describe the border which divided the Irish people. If Ireland was to become united as a member of the British Commonwealth, both North and South would have to make sacrifices. He would like to give the Southern view on this point. In the South they did not want to be a member of the British Commonwealth; for Ireland was not bred of the British family. They would, therefore, have to make a sacrifice of sentiment for the advantage of the country. There would, of course, have to be safeguards, and the first of these would be the unity of the country, with its own fiscal arms, civil service, and banking autonomy. Northern Ireland did not want that, but desired to remain attached to Great Britain, and that, he contended, was a sacrifice which the North would have to make.

THE NEGATIVE.

Mr. D. J. Murphy, University College, Cork, introducing the negative arguments, said that continuation in the British Commonwealth would only result in chaos and economic and racial degeneration in Ireland. For seven hundred years Ireland had struggled to be free, and not until every vestige of British control in Ireland was removed would the peace of Ireland be assured.

Mr. W. N. Gallaher, Trinity College, Dublin, supporting the motion, said that, as a native of Belfast, he thought Mr. Murphy had made the common mistake of regarding the Free State as Ireland. It was not; for Ireland had two parts, and those two parts had to be considered. It had been said that Ireland for seven hundred years was unable to be tranquil owing to English rule. Did they think that Mr. de Valera had got tranquility for Southern Ireland at the moment?

Mr. de Valera lived in a world of dreams, and there was nothing practical about him. His views would not go down in Northern Ireland, where they were distinct from the Free State, racially and religiously, and would soon be distinct linguistically. The North was also distinct economically. It was united topographically, but that was the least important. The Free State regarded the sea around Ireland as a barrier against Great Britain and the Empire; but Northern Ireland regarded it as a great highway of communication, and their minds were in harmony with the mind of Great Britain. Ninety per cent. of the Free State exports were agricultural. That trade was now almost paralysed.

Ulster's industries chiefly depended upon the Commonwealth. It got its raw materials there, and sent back there its finished products. If Northern Ireland went out of the Commonwealth its shipyards would be closed, and their linen mills would be closed.

A Voice—They are closed already.

Mr. Gallaher—That is an erroneous impression. Many people in the Free State think the shipyards and linen mills are ruined, but they are doing quite well at the moment, and in the Ulster area there is hope, and in the Free State there is only a feeling of despair. There were many good reasons why Ireland should remain part of the Commonwealth, which was as much Ireland's as England's.

LESS AND MORE.

Mr. W. Shanks, M.Sc., Queen's University, Belfast, opposing the motion, asked if it was essential to discuss the unity of Ireland at all upon that motion? Personally he thought that Ireland or the Irish Free State should leave the British Empire, not because he loved Ireland less, but because he loved the Empire more. (Laughter.) Ireland was a cancerous growth at the heart of the Empire, and if it were removed the great and marvellous superstructure of the Empire would develop normally.

Miss M. Quinlan, University College, Cork, the only woman who contributed to the debate, made one of the best speeches of the evening. She said that they would all return to their Universities with happiness and the kindest memories in their hearts of the reception they got in Belfast. Dealing with the motion, she said that to declare that Ireland never sought membership of the British Commonwealth got no one anywhere. Even thirty years ago it was an unknown conception of Government, and the prominent Irishmen who fought for Home Rule in the past would not regard as unfair the present status of the Free State as an equal partner in the British Commonwealth of Nations. They would have regarded the Home Rule now in operation as a final settlement of the Irish question. It was "good business" for Ireland to remain in the Commonwealth and very bad business to be outside of it. A number of Free State citizens were hypnotised by the phrase: "Irish Republic." Mr. de Valera had dallied with it, and some republicans shouted for it without taking the trouble to consider whether Ireland would be happier and more prosperous as an Irish Republic than as a Dominion.

They should look at their problems on the basis of 1933 actualities rather than in terms of sixteenth century politics. It was more important that farmers should be able to sell their turkeys in a free market than to consider what politicians said about freedom in 1799. In spite of the abnormal conditions to-day, Great Britain and Northern Ireland were the chief outlets for Free State produce. She did not know how long the people of the Free State would permit the guiding of their destines to remain in the hands of the people who were capable of the present colossal economic blunders.

FAIR PLAY.

She did not think it likely that Britain would go to war if the Free State Government declared an Irish Republic, but if it did Britain could not be expected to remain friendly or helpful to Ireland. By boycotting English goods and tinkering with the Constitution could they expect anything from England only what they deserved? If Ireland was a Republic no nation would be interested in her, but as long as she remained in the Commonwealth it was of great importance to all the other members of the Commonwealth that Ireland should get fair play.

Mr. J. G. O'Brien, University College, Galway, opposed the motion. He contended that Ireland would be more satisfied and peaceful as a Republic than as a Dominion.

Mr. J. C. Cullen, Queen's University, Belfast, said that it was declared that the Treaty was force down the necks of the Irish delegates, but anyone who took the trouble to read the Parliamentary reports of the period would agree that the Treaty was concurred in by both sides.

Mr. D. G. Neill, Trinity College, Dublin, declared that the Commonwealth system was an expression of British capitalism, Imperial chicanery and political jobbery. Irishmen took a leading part in building up the Empire, and while he honoured them for doing their duty, he pitied them for their blindness. The best future for Ireland was not to be linked with the British Empire, but associated with "a united Soviet States of Europe." He appealed to the people of Belfast to cultivate the Celtic spirit and let England keep her victories of industrialism. He gave a limited approval to Mr. de Valera's economic war, because it was one way to destroy the domination in Ireland of the English capitalist class. He described the Northern Government as the finest example of an eighteenth century Whig oligarchy.

THE TRADE ASPECT.

Mr. J. F. Kent, B.A., University College, Dublin, supporting the motion, said that no question of nationalism entered into the matter. It was not derogatory for Irishmen to belong to the British Commonwealth of Nations, because by the Statute of Westminster they were free to remain in or go out of the Commonwealth. As a non-politician he was as much opposed to a doctrinaire Republican as he was to a rabid Imperialist. There were Republicans who would prefer a twenty-six county Republic to a united Ireland in the Commonwealth. He thought the whole question should be regarded from the viewpoint of the welfare of the country. Britain was Ireland's market, and he favoured Ireland's inclusion in the Commonwealth as long as it was to Ireland's advantage, and no longer. He saw no sense in paying bounties to get their goods into a market which, they said, did not exist. He stood for democracy, but he did not know how Lord Craigavon could say the Northern Parliament was a democratic institution and a Protestant Parliament in the same breath. He asked if it would not be better for Northern Ireland, instead of maintaining an extensive parliamentary administration, to join with the rest of Ireland in a Dominion? Ireland's future would never be that of Communism.

Mr. W. M. McCall, Queen's University, Belfast, opposed the motion. He said that Ireland at no time received anything from the Empire commensurate with her contribution to it. Ireland was now in such a parlous state commercially that if it were outside the British Empire it could not be worse. There was a greater prosperity to be achieved than by association with the Empire, and that was prosperity of the soul. The soul of Ireland had been sick for seven hundred years, and now it had the cure. Ireland would never have peace, happiness, and contentment until she was free and independent, and occupying her rightful place amongst the nations of the earth.

Several speakers addressed the meeting in Irish, and in accordance with the rules translated into English.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Ireland, North-West—Strong southerly wind, perhaps gale at times locally; dull; local drizzle; mild.

Ireland, North-East, South-East and South-West—Moderate or fresh southerly wind; cloudy; local drizzle; mild.

Irish Sea and St. George's Channel.—Moderate southerly wind; cloudy; sea slight or moderate.

Dixon and Hempenstall, Barometers and Thermometers.—12 Suffolk street, Dublin.—(Advt.)

DUBLIN WEATHER REPORT.

Dec.	Bar.	Thermometer. Temp. 9 p.m.	Max.	Min.	Grass Min.	Wind.	Rain m.m.	Sun hours
16	30.214	44.8	45	37	34	N.W.	0.5	0.0
17	30.264	46.3	47	42	40	S.E.	0.0	0.0
18	30.434	47.5	49	42	39	W.2	trace	0.1
19	30.536	46.1	49	42	34	W.	trace	0.1
20	30.552	44.3	49	37	28	S.S.W.	0.0	0.0
21	30.472	50.4	50.6	38	29	W.	0.0	1.6
22	30.376	46.8	52	42	34	—	0.0	1.8

THE SUN.

	To-day.	To-morrow.	Monday.
Rises	8.39	8.39	8.40
Sets	4. 9	4.10	4.11
Lighting-up	5. 9	5.10	5.11

HIGH WATER—DUBLIN.

	To-day.	To-morrow.	Monday.
Morning	3.58	5. 0	6. 5
Evening	4.22	5.25	6.28

AT OTHER PORTS.

	Morning.	Evening.
Belfast	3.28	3.58
Cork	10.12	10.50
Drogheda	3.46	4.10
Dundalk	3.43	4. 7
Galway	9.56	10.34
Limerick	11.30	—
Londonderry	0.51	1.15
Limerick	0. 7	0.29
Sligo	10.37	11.15
Waterford	11. 5	11.27

THE FLEMING CASE.

PROPOSED APPEAL TO SUPREME COURT.

Counsel on behalf of John Fleming, who has been found guilty of the murder of his wife in Dublin, and sentenced to be executed on January 5, has applied to the Free State Attorney-General, Mr. A. Conor Maguire, for a certificate to bring the case to the Supreme Court.

Mr. John Hooper, barrister-at-law (instructed by Mr. Trant MacCarthy), who appeared for Fleming in the previous trials, has approached the Attorney-General with this object, and it is understood the decision will be made known immediately.

THE STATUS OF GALWAY.

BILL TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE DAIL.

A bill will be promoted in the Dail early in the new session with the object of raising the *status* of Galway to that of a Municipal Corporation. This project has been agitated locally for some time, and will be achieved if the proposed new bill is passed by both Houses.

One of the provisions of the bill is to make the new Corporation the local authority under the Air Navigation Act. The local Council will continue to be the administrative body, and the city wards will remain unchanged.

SKERRY'S COLLEGE, DUBLIN. Closed during Christmas week. Work resumed in all classes on Monday, 1st January. —(Advt.)

INSURANCE OF MOTOR CARS.

THE QUESTION OF HIGHER RATES.

STATEMENT BY A MINISTER.

THE following statement was issued by the Department of Industry and Commerce, Government Buildings, Dublin, yesterday evening:—

"The Minister for Industry and Commerce has noted with considerable surprise the statement which has appeared in the Press that rates for the insurance of motor cars in the Saorstat are to be increased by 25 per cent. from February 1st, 1934, and that the main reason given for this increase is that "the higher cost of imported parts, due to the Saorstat tariffs, make the cost of effecting repairs to insured vehicles heavier than in Northern Ireland." The Press statement also contained the following:—"No increase has been made in the rates since the higher duties came into force."

The Minister desires to point out that instead of higher duties having been imposed on imported motor car parts, the pre-existing duties have been substantially reduced, and in some cases abolished altogether.

With regard to chassis, the position is that prior to the enactment of the Finance (No. 4) Act, 1932, the duty on chassis and component parts was 33⅓ per cent. *ad valorem* (with a preferential rate of 22 2-9 per cent.). By that Act (a) the maximum duty on complete chassis was reduced to 22 2-9 per cent.; (b) the duty on all unassembled component parts was completely removed, and (c) in the case of the following articles the rate of duty was reduced to 10 per cent., viz.: Engine assemblies, transmission assemblies, propelling gear assemblies, radiators, lamps, and starting motors.

With regard to bodies, the position is that all unassembled component parts of motor car bodies are now completely free of duty. These parts were previously liable to 33⅓ per cent. (Pref. 22 2-9 per cent.) *ad valorem*. A complete motor car body is now, of course, subject to a duty of 75 per cent. *ad valorem* (minimum duty £40). The Minister assumes, however, that very few accidents would involve the replacement of the complete body. Repairs to a damaged body can now be carried out in this country from parts which can be imported free of duty.

In view of the facts stated above, the Minister is satisfied that there is no justification for the statement that the higher cost of imported parts is a reason for charging increased premiums. On the contrary, the reduction in the cost of such parts might be held to be a reason for reducing premiums or as off-setting increases necessitated by other causes.

COIN-RUNNING IN ENGLAND.

A NEW FORM OF TRAFFICKING.

THE growth of a new form of trafficking —that of coin—which was introduced when Britain went off the gold standard, is referred to in the annual report for 1933 of the Deputy-Master and Comptroller of the Royal Mint published last night.

Just as the United States had its rum-runners when it went officially off strong liquor and the rest of the world did not, the report states, so South Africa, when the mother country and some of the Dominions suspended the gold standard, had her traffickers in coin.

"It soon became evident that so long as she adhered to orthodoxy she was to be subjected to this irritating form of traffic," it is stated. "Generally speaking, where such traffic is concerned with only the metallic or token coinages of the world transactions are individually on a small scale and are difficult to track down. In the case of South Africa, however, the abuse threatened to assume a much graver aspect."

The report adds that, from reports received, it seemed likely that substantial accumulations of silver coin from the Southern counties of England were regularly collected in Southampton and placed on board ship for the express purpose of dumping in South Africa.

Eventually, to deal with the situation the Union Government made an order proclaiming that British silver coin would be demonetised in Union territory, but no sooner had this been issued than South Africa decided, on quite other grounds, herself to suspend the gold standard.

The report adds:—"At any rate, while the Union Government find themselves at the moment with large stocks of British silver coin, which are difficult to dispose of under present conditions, the stage has been definitely cleared for the circulation only of their own coin in their own territory, and niggling traffic as between British and Union coin can hardly recur."

The report states:—From the point of view of minting, the year was remarkable for the complete cessation, except at the youngest of branch mints, of sovereign coinage.

"One of the paradoxes of the present situation is, indeed, that while gold is disappearing more and more from sight, at least of ordinary mortals, its production goes on increasing year by year, stimulated, of course, by the premium in the terms of cash generally obtainable.

"Yet with all the steady and seemingly huge accretions to the world's stock of the metal, an eminent authority estimates that the whole of the gold produced in the last 500 years could be packed into the small space of a 40-foot cube, and would only suffice to put £5 a week in red gold into the pay envelopes of 18 million men for a single year."

"Despite the inroads which have been made in the numbers of coined sovereigns by recoinage or melting down for various purposes, there must be well over a thousand millions in British gold coin struck since 1817, large quantities of which are still in being. The bulk of these pieces, no doubt, swell the holdings of the central banks the world over, but even if the recent combing has left the individual Briton with but few examples of his beloved coin, it is interesting to speculate as to how far the piece has already joined the archaic ducats in the hands of small-hoarders.

Referring to the decline in the demand for new coin, the report says:—"Demands for pence appear to come like prosperity or depression, in cycles, though it by no means follows that when business is depressed there is no demand for pence, or *vice versa*. Indeed, the humble copper appears to rise superior to economic laws, and the demand for it to depend more upon the fresh uses that may be found for it, as, for instance, in the continued extension of the use of automatic machines or in some district where the usual tram or 'bus fare no longer includes a half-penny."

BAN ON NEWSPAPERS.

NORTHERN IRELAND ORDER.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

BELFAST, Friday.

The *Belfast Gazette* to-night publishes an order by the Northern Minister of Home Affairs, under the Civil Authorities Act, prohibiting the circulation of the following newspapers:—*An Phoblacht*, or *The Republic*, or *The Loyalist*, or *The Republican Press*, *The Irish World*, and *American Industrial Liberator*, *Irish Freedom*, or *Saoirse na hEireann*, or under any other title, or *alias* whatever, in Northern Ireland from January, 1934, until December 31, 1934.

HIBERNIAN BANK CLERKSHIPS. At the last exam. pupils of ROSSE COLLEGE, 65 Stephen's Gn., gained 4 of the 5 Appts. offered. Classes resume on Monday, January 1. —(Advt.)

GERMAN BISHOP'S CAPITULATION.

OLIVE BRANCH OFFER IN CHURCH DISPUTE.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

BERLIN, Friday.

In view of the storm that has broken out in the German Church, the Reichsbishop Mueller has offered an olive branch to the Opposition by asking the well-known Dr. Bodelschwingh to meet him at Hanover for an intimate talk on the Church position.

He has also expressed his willingness to reconstruct his Church Cabinet by to-morrow "by appointing men acceptible to those who stand for purity of doctrine and who decide to keep politics out of the Church."

He also assured Dr. Bodelschwingh that the Nazi Bishop Hossenfelder would be given two years' leave of absence from his offices as Bishop of Brandenburg, Reich Leader of the German Christians, and Vice-President of the Prussian United Church.

The conference was continued to-day in Berlin. Matetrs have been complicated for the Reichsbishop by the fact that the Radicals in the German Christian movement have recently gained the upper hand, and that Dr. Kinder, whom he had appointed to succeed Bishop Hossenfelder as leader of the German Christians, is an even "wilder Nazi" than Hossenfelder, and still more determined to identify Nazism with Protestantism.

CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS.

The "Irish Times" will not be published on Christmas Day, but will be published on St. Stephen's Day, Tuesday, 26th December.

Dr. Coghlan, senior, Newrath, Waterford, had a narrow escape when, following a collision between his motor car and that of Mr. R. Murphy, Newrath, on the Waterford-Mullinavat road, the car overturned and he was imprisoned in the interior. To add to his peril part of the car became ignited. Fortunately, some men in the vicinity saw the accident, and, rushing with all speed to the scene, succeeded by forcing the door in extricating the doctor. The car was extensively damaged. Mr. Murphy escaped unhurt, but his car also was damaged.

JEWEL THEFTS IN LONDON FOG.

"CAT" BURGLAR'S BIG HAUL.

ARTICLES VALUED AT £7,000.

SCOTLAND YARD were busily engaged throughout Thursday night searching for the "cat" burglar who broke into the house of Mr. Percy G. Mayer, at Cadogan square, London, and got away with over £7,000 worth of jewellery. The robbery was effected after a most astonishing feat of agility in a dense fog.

The man first broke into an empty house two doors away. Getting out of a second floor window, he had to crawl forty feet along a narrow ledge past an unoccupied house to that of Mr. Mayer's. A slip would have meant a 25ft. drop on to the spiked railings.

Entrance was made through an outside window, and the jewels were taken from a case in Mrs. Mayer's bedroom while she was in an adjoining room. The whole bedroom was ransacked.

The thief must have returned by the same perilous route to the empty house.

Mrs. Mayer, a friend and a maid were alone in the house at the time, Mr. Mayer being away shooting in Leicestershire. The principal articles stolen were Mrs. Mayer's jewellery, including a very valuable pearl necklace, diamond combs, cuff links, cigarette cases and a gold matchbox.

Mr. Percy George Mayer is described in the directory of directors as chairman of Max Mayer, Ltd., diamond merchants, of Hatton Garden; chairman of Brixton Garage, Ltd., and vice-chairman of Brixton Estate, Ltd.

Mr. Max Mayer, who died in 1921, was the owner of the famous £135,000 pearl necklace which figured in a sensational trial at the Old Bailey. It was stolen on its way to his office and afterwards picked up in a gutter. Mrs. Mayer is the daughter of Sir Eustace Tennyson d'Eyncourt, the distinguished naval architect.

Mrs. Mayer said yesterday that there was not a man in the house. "My Spanish maid had gone out to bring my daughter from a party, and Miss Veronica Brasch, a young Russian lady who is staying with me, and I were alone in the upper part of the house. My husband is away in Leicestershire, where he has been shooting.

"The stolen jewellery includes a double string pearl necklace which my husband gave to me when our daughter was born."

A SECOND BURGLARY.

Jewellery and furs stated to be worth £1,600 were stolen on Thursday night from the house of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Harris in Bray place, London.

The house was unoccupied at the time, and the thieves, taking advantage of the fog, forced the garage doors and then a door in the garage leading into the dwelling-rooms. They ransacked various rooms and threw about articles from wardrobes and the drawers of dressing tables. It is believed they escaped in a motor car.

The burglary was not discovered until one of Mr. Harris's employés returned home shortly before midnight.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris were able to supply the police with a list of the missing articles, including four platinum bracelets, two rings, gold cigarette case, two silver candlesticks, silver fox fur, white fox cape, dark brown coat, lined with fur and with a beaver collar.

SPY ORGANISATION REVELATIONS.

"CLEARING HOUSE" FOR MANY SECRET SERVICES.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

PARIS, Friday.

It was revealed to-day that the international spying organisation which was recently discovered has branches in Japan and the United States, as well as throughout the whole of Europe, and that Lydia Stahl, the mysterious Russian-born woman who was among those arrested, was European general manager of a band employed to collect military information for sale to different national Secret Services.

TO-DAY'S ENGAGEMENTS

Carol Service—St. Patrick's, 4 p.m.

Association Football—St. James's Gate v. Dolphin, Crumlin, 2.30.

AMUSEMENTS.

Gaiety Theatre—Closed.

Olympia Theatre—"Birds of the Night."

Metropole Cinema—"Ann Carver's Profession" and "Rusty Rides Alone."

Christmas Dance—Metropole Ballroom, 8 to 12.

Corinthian Cinema — "Hallelujah! I'm a Tramp," and "Wanted."

Queen's Theatre—"Shanghai Nights" Revue, and "The Big Cage."

Dance—Grand Hotel, Greystones.

Zoological Gardens.

Theatre Royal—Variety.

Pavilion Cinema, Dun Laoghaire—"A Study in Scarlet."

Grafton Cinema—"Dick Turpin."

Capitol Cinema — "Mama Loves Papa," "Supernatural" and Variety.

Savoy Cinema—"Fra Diavolo" and "Santa's Workshop."

Grand Central Cinema—"The White Sister."

U.S. LIQUOR TARIFFS TO STAND.

ACTION TO MAINTAIN WHISKEY STANDARDS.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

WASHINGTON, Friday.

The House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee has decided to permit the existing liquor tariffs to stand until the Administration submits proposals for reciprocal trade agreements with foreign countries.

In view of the unsatisfactory results obtained from a series of chemical analyses recently made of many of the brands of whiskey at present being sold to the public, the Board of Health of New York City has amended the sanitary code to provide that all whiskey sold after January 5th must carry a full description of its nature on the label of the bottle.

Labels must state whether the whiskey is "straight," "blended," or "imitation." This last description is intended to cover grain alcohol flavoured and coloured to resemble whiskey.

Many of the cheaper so-called whiskeys at present on sale in New York have been found to be merely imitations of this character.

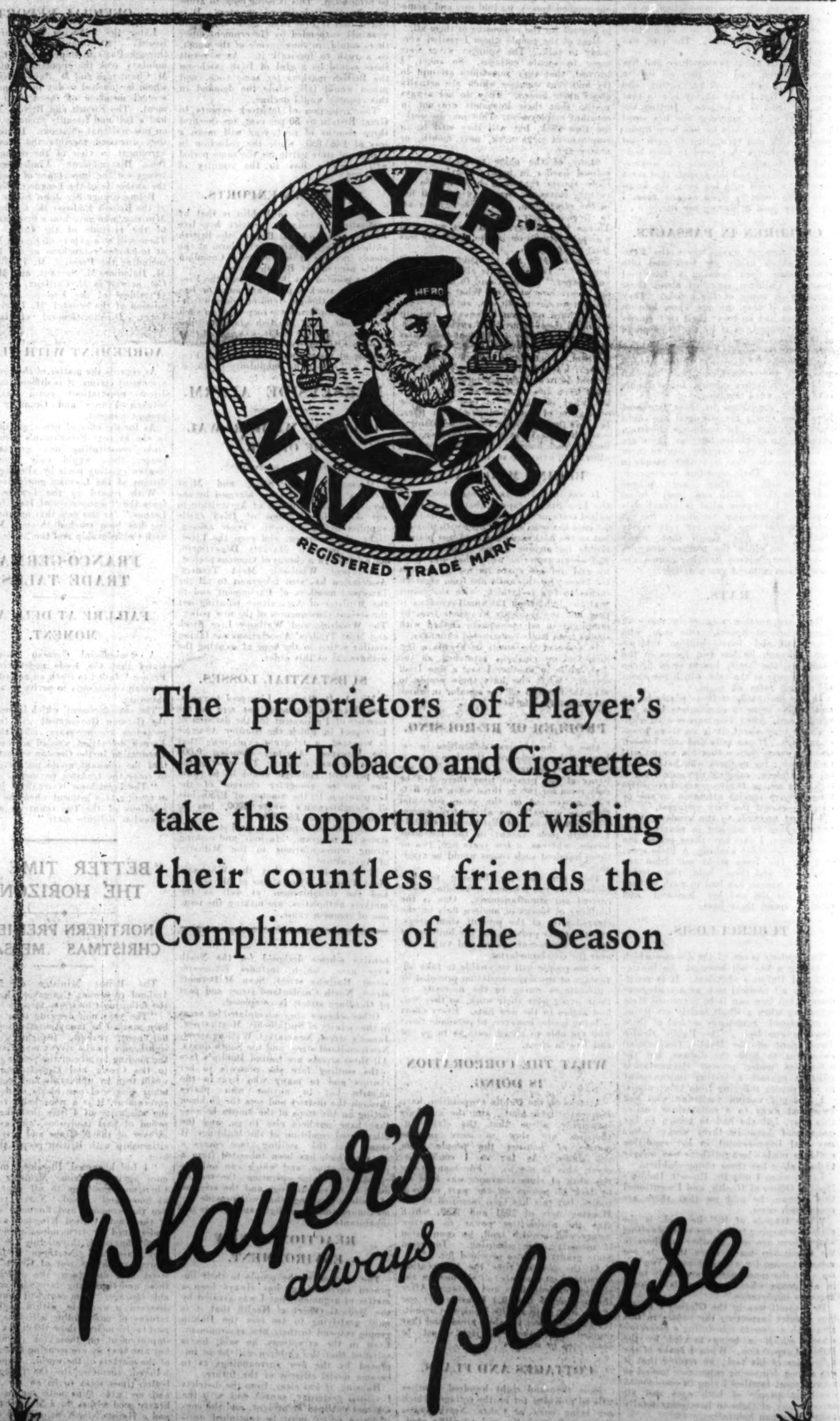
In the case of "straight" whiskey, the label must specify its age; in that of "blended" whiskey the age and percentages of the whiskeys used, and the percentage of added grain alcohol, if any, and the words "artificially coloured" or "flavoured," if such devices have been resorted to; "imitation" whiskey must state fully all the ingredients contained in the mixture.

The use of any alcohol other than grain alcohol in the preparation of "blended" or "imitation" whiskey is prohibited.

The Health Commissioner has announced that the new regulations will be extended to other liquors, such as gin, if the examination of them on which his department is now engaged reveals the need for such action.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCHES.

"Christian Science" is the subject of the lesson-sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, 24th December. The Golden Text is: "These signs shall follow them that believe; in My name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover" (Mark xv., 17, 18).

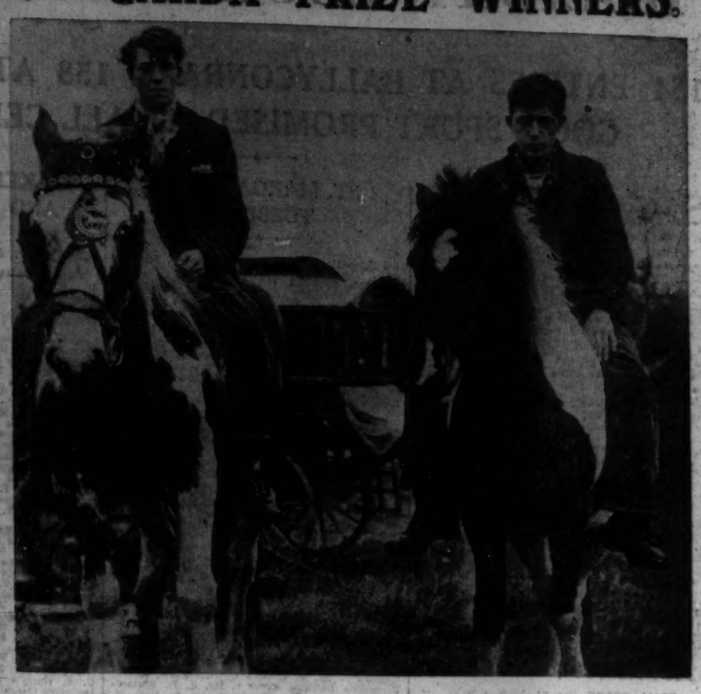


DOW'S PORT FOR XMAS DOW'S PORT

COMPANIONS OF ST. PATRICK : GARDA PRIZE WINNERS.



CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.—The streets of Dublin present a particularly busy appearance. Picture shows a typical scene in O'Connell street yesterday.



PIEBALD PONIES.—The origin of these remarkable looking animals is obscure. They are found mostly with nomads, as in the picture above, taken at a gipsy encampment in Wexford.



"WHEN GULLS FLY INLAND."—A camera study of winter farm work.



COMPANIONS OF ST. PATRICK, who gave an entertainment for the blind at the Gresham Hotel, Dublin. Included in the picture are General Sir George Franks, Dr. T. Gilman Moorhead and Mr. D. Barrett, with some of the guests.



"GARDA REVIEW" COMPETITIONS.—Commissioner Broy presents awards in the "Garda Review" Competitions at Garda Headquarters, Kilmainham. Left to right: Mr. James Donohoe, one of the prize-winners; Sergeant P. J. Gallagher, of the Representative Body of the Civic Guards; Mr. John Dunne, a prize-winner; Sergeant Carroll, Treasurer, "Garda Review," Assistant Commissioner W. R. E. Murphy, Commissioner Broy, and Mr. P. Sheehan, Editor "Garda Review."



The Rev. Brother Juniper, O.F.M., the well-known Friar-artist, who died in Waterford during the week.



SPINDRIFT.—The high tides breaking into spume make a delightful contrast against the dark background of the houses near Blackrock.

Merry Christmas

P.S.—
With JOHN LOCKE.
No finer Irish Whiskey.

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IRELAND AND DEMOCRACY.

BROADCAST BY MINISTER TO U.S.

HISTORICAL BASIS OF IRISH ATTITUDE.

IN an address by Mr. Michael MacWhite, Minister from the Irish Free State to the United States, over the Columbia Broadcasting System, he said that many among the millions of persons of Irish blood in America would hear his voice. To them especially he addressed his remarks on Ireland and democracy, to remind them of the close bonds that have always existed between Ireland and America. They needed no words of his to make them good American citizens, but he would not have spoken in vain if anything he said made them more proud of their citizenship in the great American Republic.

"Mr. Claude Bowers, now American Ambassador to Spain," said Mr. MacWhite, "calls attention, in a Foreword to Roberts' book, 'Ireland in America,' to the large share Irishmen had in bringing about the independence of the American colonies during the Revolutionary War. 'We have,' he says, 'an amusing reference to the importance of the part they played in this phase of our history in a letter of Urish Tracy, a bitter enemy of democracy, written after a journey of observation through Pennsylvania in the last days of the struggle. Having seen the Irish in action he threw up the sponge, with the comment that 'these Irish are the most God-provoking democrats this side of eternity.'"

"Such a comment on the Irish attitude towards democracy and democratic forms of government will be heartily approved by anybody who is acquainted with Irish history and Irish political traditions, and the accuracy of the observation will be further confirmed by considering the unstinted loyalty of men of Irish blood to the American Republic throughout its history.

DEMOCRACY IN THE BLOOD.

In a certain sense Irishmen may be said to have democracy in their blood. Politically, as well as geographically, Ireland has always been sharply and clearly divided from the rest of Europe. It has always had its own distinctive social and political ideals and customs, and it has always striven to uphold its own peculiar civilisation. The differences between Ireland and the rest of Europe are as distinctly marked to-day as they were a thousand years ago, and it is because of these differences that we find a distinguished English writer, Mr. Hilaire Belloc, asserting that the Irish have the oldest conscious nationality in Europe.

The distinctive character of Irish civilisation and its underlying democracy are traceable to certain obvious historical causes. Apart entirely from the question of race, the Celtic people in Ireland set up at a very early date institutions of a character entirely different from those to be found among their neighbours on the Continent of Europe. They had their own distinctive form of government, their own laws, their own social manners and customs, and they had made such progress in the arts of law and government that they were able to compile into one code, the Seanchus Mor, a body of law as detailed and elaborate as the law of Rome, and, what is of equal significance, this Irish Code was put together just about the time the Romans made their first great compilation in the Code of Theodosius. The Irish Code had as its fundamental principle the theory of a decentralised form of government, the conception of a federated State, the constituent parts of which were held together, not by a unified military organisation or by obedience to a single ruler, but by submission to laws which were valid and binding on all parts of the Irish State. Under this law provision was made to safeguard the individual rights of every person in the State, and to protect even the lowest from the capricious will of any ruler. Hence it is not surprising that from the earliest times the Irish people felt themselves drawn towards constitutional as opposed to personal forms of government, and that their inherited instincts made them feel at home when the opportunity offered to live under a democratic form of government.

ESCAPED ROMAN CONQUEST

Another factor that tended to accentuate the distinctive character of Irish political institutions was the fact that the Irish people were never drawn under the influence of imperial Rome. Alone among the peoples of Western Europe they escaped Roman conquest, and, though they did not shut themselves off from Roman cultural influences, they survived the fall of the Roman Empire, and were able at a time when Europe was falling back into barbarism and ignorance to send teachers and missionaries to the Continent to revive education and to preach religion. Equally important as a reason for the separateness of Irish cultural life and striving is the manner in which the Irish people resisted the effort to impose on them a feudalistic form of government. Ireland was spared the twin curses of Imperialism and Militarism. The Irish lived under a reign of law, the business of the nation was conducted according to legal and constitutional practices, and the people down to the lowest classes in society were always made to feel that they were possessed of inalienable rights and immunities. Such a form of government unquestionably promoted the welfare and happiness of the people at large, but unfortunately it places them at a disadvantage when they are surrounded by neighbours who have imperialistic ambitions, and who are in a position to make these ambitions effective by large armies. This was the fate of Ireland. For hundreds of years Irish history was merely a record of the manner in which the people of Ireland strove to preserve their own distinctive social organisation, and to escape the grinding tyranny implied in Imperialism and Militarism. It is naturally a source of pride to Irishmen that the people of their race never abandoned the struggle, and that though frequently worsted and compelled by force to submit to alien laws, they never lost their devotion to the spirit of their own institutions, and never gave up the hope that at some time their institutions might be revived.

WORLD WAR ORIGINS.

The World War, which played such havoc with governments and empires, and which threatened all forms of civilisation, was really and in essence an effort on the part of the greatest nations in the world to find some new principle or formula under which international relations might be amicably conducted, and by which the peoples of the world might be relieved from the intolerable burdens of taxation that the maintenance of large armies and navies imposed on them. While there are international jealousies and suspicions, and while these jealousies and suspicions find expression in great military and naval establishments, the menace of war will never cease. The people of the United States, speaking through their President, declared that the World War was a war to end war. It was in that spirit that the United States became an active combatant, and it was in the hope that the words of the President might be realised that they made such enormous sacrifices in life and money.

IRELAND AT PEACE CONFERENCE.

The Irish people had no official representation at the Peace Conference, but it would require very little political acumen to recognise the fact that those who tried unsuccessfully to present the claims of Ireland at the Conference did not come with empty hands, that they, above all others, might say, 'our history has been a struggle against the forces that brought on the war, we, too, have suffered, but we take pride in the fact that we never surrendered to the evils which have brought about this world calamity.'"

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, CLONMEL.

DEDICATION OF WINDOW.

Last Sunday a beautiful east window was unveiled and dedicated in St. Mary's Church, Clonmel. The lower portion of the window, which is the new portion, consists of five lights. On the central one is a figure of Our Lord, which was erected and dedicated last year. He is represented holding the cup with his right-hand raised in blessing. The Holy Spirit, represented in the shape of a dove, is descending above His head. Two of the Evangelists stand on either side of the central figure. Each bears his Book of the Gospel, and above each is his symbol—the Angel of Matthew, the Lion of Mark, the Ox of Luke, and the Eagle of John.

The new lights were unveiled by Mrs. W. Bagwell who, with the surviving members of the Watson family, presented one of them (St. John), in memory of the late Colonel and Mrs. Watson, of Ballingarrane. They were then dedicated by the Bishop of Cashel.

The colours are rich, and very beautiful, and in their harmonious blending are reminiscent of the classic period of the stained-glass art in the 14th and 15th centuries. It is high praise to say of the glass work, that it is worthy of the splendid stone tracery in which it stands, and which is believed to date from the 12th century.

"An Tur Gloine," the stained-glass and mosaic works, 24 Upper Pembroke street, Dublin, is to be congratulated on a real work of art, and particularly Miss K. O'Brien, who designed and executed the work.

AUCTION SALES.

MESSRS. BATTERSBY AND CO.

On a date early in the new year Messrs. Battersby and Co. announce an interesting sale of fee-simple ground rents, amounting to over £407 per annum, for the trustees of the late the Hon. Anthony Cecil Ashley. The rents, which are thoroughly well secured, arise out of valuable property in Dublin City and suburbs, including Ross's Hotel and the Royal Oak, Parkgate street; public institutions, schools, business premises and residential property. See announcement on the back page.

CHURCH NOTICES.

METHODIST CENTENARY CHURCH, ST. STEPHEN'S GREEN.

TO-MORROW (SUNDAY) EVENING, 24th DEC., At 7. CAROL SERVICE.
"The Snow in the Street".....Vaughan Williams
"The Holly and the Ivy".....English Traditional
"Congaudeat".....Swedish
"God Rest you Merry".....English Traditional
"An Old Sacred Lullaby".....Austrian
"Sweet was the Song the Virgin Sang".....Early 17th Century
"Balulalow".....Old Scottish
Short Address by Rev. W. MOORE GRAHAM.
CHRISTMAS DAY at 10.30.
Selections from "Messiah" (Handel). Soloists: Master Michael Booth and Mr. Donald Beaven.
Sermon: Rev. W. MOORE GRAHAM.

METHODIST CHURCH, RATHGAR.
BRIGHTON ROAD.
CHRISTMAS CAROLS,
SUNDAY EVENING at 7 o'clock.
Preacher:
REV. R. LEE COLE, M.A., B.D.

YORK STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.
CHRISTMAS DAY,
At 8 a.m., COMMUNION SERVICE,
Rev. HAROLD B. MILLS.
All Welcome.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, SUFFOLK STREET.
7 p.m. TO-MORROW (SUNDAY),
EVENING PRAYER AND CAROLS.
The Parochial Band will take part.
Soloist—Mr. C. BUTLER.

SANDFORD PARISH CHURCH.
7 p.m.—CAROL SERVICE,
FOLLOWED BY WORLD BROADCAST OF "THE BELLS OF BETHLEHEM."

METROPOLITAN HALL
(CITY OF DUBLIN Y.M.C.A.)
CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE,
8.30 p.m. (Singing from 8.15 p.m.)
Speaker—Mr. T. P. O'CONNOR.
ALL WELCOME.
There will be no meeting of "The Rally" on Saturday.

MERRION HALL,
LOWER MERRION STREET.
Preacher: Mr. GEO. T. PINCHES.
TO-MORROW (SUNDAY):
12 o'c.—The Monumental Feast of Christianity.
7 p.m.—How Man's Greatest Problem is Solved.
CHRISTMAS DAY:
12 o'c.—The Supreme Excellency of The Christ.
Everybody Welcome.

GREAT NORTHERN R.L.Y.
EXCURSION to BELFAST
BOXING DAY, 26th DEC.
BELFAST CELTIC v. COLERAINE.
LINFIELD v. GLENTORAN.

From	Train Times. a.m.	p.m.	3rd Cl. Ret. Fare.
DUBLIN	9. 0	12. 0	10/-
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1st and 2nd Class Tickets at slightly higher fares. Tickets valid day of issue by trains leaving Belfast at 5.40 and 7.10 p.m. Stay-over Tickets will also be issued to Belfast at slightly higher fares.

The 6.40 a.m. Train DUBLIN to BELFAST
WILL NOT RUN
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ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

LEAGUE PROGRAMME.

CORK AT HOME TO BOHEMIANS: DUNDALK AT MILLTOWN.

By Our Special Correspondent.

FREE STATE footballers are not as hard-worked as their colleagues in England; so the week-end programme is no heavier than usual, except for the Leinster Cup final on Tuesday. To-day there are three matches—an unusual number for a Saturday. None of to-day's games will have any effect on the top of the league table, but there are points of considerable interest in the meeting of St. James's Gate and Dolphin at Crumlin. The Gate have fallen from their position of challengers to the provincial clubs, whereas Dolphin seemed to have definitely turned the corner, having won three and drawn one of their last four matches. Their defence is now very sound, and the presence of Rorrison, as leader of the attack, may make the forward line quite formidable. The Gate may show sufficient improvement in the goal area to gain the points, but a division is more likely. Drumcondra are entertaining Cork Bohs, and, with the Leinster Cup final in view on Tuesday, are trying out Campbell, a new left wing. The home side ought to come out on top here. Shelbourne go to Bray, and, with Leonard out of the attack, as well as their moderate display last Saturday in mind, I favour Unknown's chances.

TO-MORROW'S IMPORTANT GAMES.

To-morrow's two games are really important ones. Cork, the leaders, are at home to Bohemians, while Dundalk, close on their heels, go to Milltown to meet Shamrock Rovers. Victories for the Dublin clubs would put them well in the running for honours. Cork appear likely to increase their lead, for they have been showing really brilliant form recently, and give the impression of being almost invincible on their own ground. They will be at full strength, with Paton back in the forward line. Good away team though they are, it will be most surprising if Bohemians can hold Cork. Dundalk's ambition to retain their League title is likely to receive a check, for Rovers, seeing a slight chance of being able to recover lost ground, are in their most dangerous mood at present. They are not a convincing lot, but they are winning their matches. Their defence is cast-iron, and improvement in attack may come at any time. Dundalk are a sound, well-balanced lot, but they will want to play exceptionally well to get more than a point.

THE FIXTURES.

Kick-off, 2.30.

TO-DAY.

FREE STATE LEAGUE.

Drumcondra v. Cork Bohs, at Tolka Park. Referee, Mr. J. Delaney (Dublin).
St. James's Gate v. Dolphin, at Iveagh ground, Crumlin. Referee, Mr. H. McCawley (Dublin).
Bray Unknowns v. Shelbourne, at Bray. Referee, Mr. C. Cooper (Dublin).

LEINSTER LEAGUE—DIV. I.

Shelbourne v. Bray Unknowns, at Shelbourne Park. Referee, Mr. Byrne.
Bohemians v. Jacobs, at Dalymount Park. Referee, Mr. Anderson.
Hospitals' Trust v. Shamrock Rovers, at Chapelizod. Referee, Mr. Giles.
Queen's Park v. St. James's Gate, at Vernon avenue. Referee, Mr. Culley.

IRISH LEAGUE.

Derry v. Coleraine.
Ballymena v. Distillery.
Cliftonville v. Portadown.
Bangor v. Linfield.
Celtic v. Larne.
Glentoran v. Newry.
Glenavon v. Ards.

TO-MORROW.

FREE STATE LEAGUE.

Shamrock Rovers v. Dundalk, at Milltown. Referee, Mr. M. Collins (Dublin).
Cork v. Bohemians, at Cork. Referee, Mr. C. Duggan (Cork).

TEAMS.

Shelbourne—Webster; Archibald, Byrne; Thomas, Moloney, Lappin; Gorman, Graham, Barrington, Squires, Brinham. Reserve, Cooling.

Shamrock Rovers—McCarthy; Gaskins, Daly; Glen, Matthews, Kinsella; Ingils, Molloy, Burke, Buchanan, Smith, Comerford, Delaney.

Cork—Foley; Hogg, Burke; Lennon, Chatton, Cummins; Clarke, Patton, Kelso, Neville, O'Keeffe.

Drumcondra—G. Flynn; Johnston, Byrne; Jones, Duffy, Reid; Moon, Merry, Hunt, Meehan, E. Campbell, McCosh.

St. James's Gate—Pidgeon; Hoey, Moylan; Lennon, Simpson, R. Murray; Kennedy, Comerford, Rigby, Dowdall, T. Smith. Res.—J. Murray.

Bray Unknowns—Frame; Hyland, Rigby; Neary, Hutchinson, Pettigrew; E. Bellew, J. Hunt, P. Jordan, Rudd, Hannon.

Bohemians—Capt. Cannon; W. McGuire, A. Morris; J. O'Kane, P. Andrews, A. Horlacher; P. Ellis, W. Dennis, R. Rogers, W. Jordan, J. O'Dempsey. Res.—F. Dwyer, J. McMahon, A. Morton.

Dolphin—Diffen; Doyle, O'Donnell; Bermingham (J.), Bermingham (P.), Kendrick; Rogers, Tucker, Rorrison, Murphy, Fallon.

AMERICAN HORSES FOR ENGLAND.

ATTACKS ON GOLD CUP AND "NATIONAL."

NEW YORK, Friday.

ONE of the strongest invasions of the English Turf by American owners that has ever been known will be made next year, and their eyes are upon such great races as the Grand National, the Ascot Gold Cup and the Coronation Cup. Mr. Louis E. Stoddard, son of the President of the American Polo Association, and one of the country's most outstanding cross-country riders, has already sailed for England, and he will be followed by Mr. A. G. Bostwick and Mr. G. H. (Pete) Bostwick.

Mr. Stoddard has shipped his horse, Blue Banner, with a view to running him in the Grand National. He will be trained by Ivor Anthony, trainer of Mrs. F. Ambrose Clark's Kellesboro Jack.

SISTER TO KELLSBORO JACK.

Mr. A. G. Bostwick has several good mounts in England from which to choose a possible Grand National entrant, but his main objective this time is the Ascot Gold Cup, which has never been won by an American. With this prize in mind Mr. Bostwick is shipping his famous five-year-old horse, Mate, the sixth highest money-winner in the world. Besides competing in the Gold Cup, Mate will probably run in several other big races, including the Coronation Cup. Besides Mate, Mr. A. G. Bostwick is taking the six-year-old black mare, Cahirciveen, a full sister of Mrs. Clark's Kellesboro Jack, and owned by his sister, Mrs. Robert McKim, with a view to entering her in the Grand National.

Another possible entrant in the "National" is Mr. Ambrose Clark's Sorley Boy, who was struck out of the 1933 "National" when he refused to take the high jumps in training. Should Sorley Boy run it is considered likely that Mr. Pete Bostwick will ride him.

Another American horse, already in England, which may compete in the Ascot Gold Cup is Gusto, owned by Mr. Norton L. Schwartz, brother of Mr. A. C. Schwartz, who won the Grand National in 1926 with Jack Horner.

MORE HORSES JOIN THE CLONSILLA STABLE.

Our Curragh Correspondent states that Mr. R. J. Duggan's Capitulate and Mr. J. T. Rogers's Red Flame have left Crotanstown Stable for Mr. M. Arnott's stables at Clonsilla to be trained for future engagements under I.N.H.S. Rules. Capitulate was not trained during the early part of the summer last season owing to the state of the ground, but he made two appearances later on, and won a race at Leopardstown in November. It is intended that Red Flame will be trained for steeplechasing, and his owner has entered him for a few maiden plates.

HUNTING.

MEATH HOUNDS.

Moving off from Carlanstown on Thursday, 21st, hounds found in Farran Alcock, and ran through the wild gorse towards Carlanstown, short of which they turned left-handed, and leaving Kilbeg House on the right, went through Rathmanoe, thence to Screebogue to ground in the covert. A Robertstown fox was hunted to Moat Farm, where he got in; and from Cruisetown hounds went away over the hill, pointing for Robertstown, but, wheeling to the right over the Nobber road, they put their fox to ground at Curraghtown.

From the meet at Moyglare yesterday Mr. Tuthill's laurels were first drawn. There were several foxes on foot, and after killing a brace they hunted another over the Ryewater to ground at The Maws. Another fox was put to ground near the covert after a couple of local rings from Colistown, and then followed a good hound hunt of 40 minutes from Roanstown. This fox first pointed for Batterstown, but, leaving the Rectory on his right, he turned into Ballymaglasson, whence he returned to the covert. Going through it, he again crossed the river and got to ground in an unknown shore.

WATERFORD HOUNDS.

From the meet at Faha Chapel on Wednesday, 20th December, the first draw, Faha gorse, was blank, but a fox was found in Glen bog. Hounds ran fast towards Rathnaskilloge, but, bearing left-handed, passed through Garranturton and on by Rockview in the direction of Ballylaneen. Turning right-handed they ran over Curran's Rock and down into Carrig Castle wood. Leaving again at the bottom, they crossed the Mahon river and led towards Ballyristeen. Unfortunately, near Carrigaready their fox was coursed by a dog, and hounds were unable to work out the line any further. This was a most enjoyable hunt of one hour, a three-mile point and about four and a half miles as hounds ran. Carrigaready was blank, but a fox from Seafield gorse gave us a fast hunt and ran to ground in Garranturton.

THE LATE MR. F. P. ENEBER.

The funeral will take place at Caterham, Surrey, to-day, of a well-known sportsman, Frederick Perciful Eneber, aged 78, who in his younger days was huntsman to several well-known packs. These packs included the old Surrey Foxhounds, the Essex Union Hunt, the United Hunt (County Cork), the Dulverton Hunt (Somerset), the West Kent and East Kent, and the Raille Hunt in the Ardennes, Belgium. At one time he was also huntsman to Prince Henry of Pless, Germany.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS.

THE WARD UNION.

Date.	Meet.	Hour.
To-day	Ashbourne	1.30
Wednesday, 27th	The Hatchet	1.30
Saturday, 30th	8-Mile Stone	1.30

THE KILDARE.

To-day	Courtown Gate	11. 0
Tuesday, 26th	Furness	11. 0
Thursday, 28th	Thornton Rly. Bdge.	11. 0
Saturday, 30th	Straffan	11. 0

THE MEATH.

Tuesday, 26th	Culmullen	11. 0
Thursday, 28th	Lobinstown	11. 0
Friday, 29th	Rahinstown	11. 0

NORTH KILDARE HARRIERS.—Wednesday—

WESTMEATH HOUNDS.—January — Tuesday, 2nd, Glascorn X; Thursday, 4th, Crookedwood; Friday, 5th, Rosemount; Monday, 8th, Gaybrook; Wednesday, 10th, Lisnabin; Friday, 12th, Streamstown; Monday, 15th, Mearescourt; Wednesday, 17th, Drumcree; Friday, 19th, Castletown X; Monday, 22nd, Middleton Park; Wednesday, 24th, Killynon; Friday, 26th, Killare X; Monday, 29th, Ballinea Bridge; Wednesday, 31st, Rockview. At 11 o'clock.

MR. J. ALEXANDER'S HOUNDS.—December—Wednesday, December 27, Jenkinstown Park; Friday, December 29, Shankill Castle (by invitation). January—Tuesday, January 2, Wellbrook Cross; Friday, January 5, Three Bridges. At 11 o'clock.

KILL HARRIERS.—December—Saturday, 23rd Castlerickard; Tuesday, 26th, Longwood; Saturday, 30th, Kilreany. January—Tuesday, 2nd, Enfield; Friday, 5th, Cadamstown; Tuesday, 9th, Rathmolyon; Saturday, 13th, Killyon Back Gate; Tuesday, 16th, Trim; Saturday, 20th, Blackwater Bridge; Tuesday, 23rd, Hunt Ball, Trim. At 12 o'clock.

NORTH KILDARE HARRIERS—Wednesday, December 27, Killadoon, 11.30.

SOUTH COUNTY DUBLIN HARRIERS—The meet arranged for to-day at Inchicore has been changed to Rathcoole.

HUNTING BOOTS, POLO BOOTS, LADIES' RIDING BOOTS and SHOES.
Repairs to Boots and Leggings Neatly Executed.
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HUNTING.—Reports from the various Packs, Lists of Appointments, Point-to-Point and Hunt Ball Fixtures appear in "THE IRISH FIELD." On Sale every Saturday. Subscription terms—6 months, 6/6 (post free). Head Office—11 D'Olier street, Dublin.—(Advt.)

LEOPARDSTOWN MEETING.

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26th AND 27th.

ORDER OF RUNNING.

FIRST DAY.

1.30—Glencairn Hurdle.
2. 0—Stand Maiden Hurdle.
2.30—Tower S'chase.
3. 0—Sandyford S'chase.
3.30—Christmas 'Chase.

SECOND DAY.

1.30—Three Years Old Hurdle.
2. 0—Shankill Hurdle.
2.30—Silverpark S'chase.
3. 0—Bray S'chase.
3.30—Milltown Flat Race.

LIMERICK MEETING.

TUESDAY, 26th DECEMBER.

1.30—Greenpark Hurdle.
2. 0—Holiday Hurdle.
2.30—Dunraven Cup.
3. 0—St. Stephen's Day Flat Race.
3.30—December S'chase.

RACE MEETINGS NEXT WEEK.

IRELAND.

Tuesday and Wednesday—Leopardstown.
Tuesday—Limerick.

ENGLAND.

Tuesday—Kempton Park, Wolverhampton, Sedgefield.
Wednesday—Kempton Park, Wolverhampton.
Thursday—Cheltenham.
Friday and Saturday—Newbury.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

ANOTHER CHANGE ON ENGLISH TRIAL TEAM.

Still another change has been found necessary in the teams for the second international trial match at Twickenham to-day. Owing to uncertainty regarding an injured ankle, P. C. Hordern (Gloucester) has withdrawn, his place in the Probables pack being given to H. A. Constantine (R.A.F. and Leicester).

LANSDOWNE V. WANDERERS.

The annual Boxing Day match between Lansdowne and Wanderers promises to be a first-class game. Lansdowne will be assisted by M. E. Bardon, who played for Munster this season, and both sides are fielding their strongest teams. Wanderers expect to win forward, and thus set off any advantage which the cupholders may have in their back division. Teams:—

Lansdowne—D. P. Moran; J. Arigho, R. H. Lambert, A. Bailey, E. J. Lightfoot; E. O'D. Davy, T. A. O'Reilly; M. A. Sheehan, T. P. Hogan, M. E. Bardon, A. Thompson, J. Robertson, E. J. Montgomery, C. Boyle, J. Sayers.

Wanderers—Williamson; Birmingham, Hewat, Ridgeway, Preston; Wellwood, King; Graves, McCormick, Clinch, Smellie, Halligan, McHale, Bardon, Camp.

Lansdowne 2nd XV. travel to Carlow on Boxing Day to play the local XV. Lansdowne team—W. T. Robertson; G. P. Bennett, T. Kelly, J. Jones, W. J. Powell; P. Quinn, J. Kenny; T. C. Burne, W. Sutherland, G. A. Robinson, P. Oliver, A. Murray, T. C. Pike, J. Fielding, V. Demery.

HOLIDAY FIXTURES.

TO-DAY.

Malahide v. Dundalk. Malahide.
Wanderers 3rd v. Suttonians. Lansdowne road.
St. Mary's v. Skerries. Kimmage.
Y.M.C.A. v. R.S.P.U. 2nd. Claremont road.
Imperial Tobacco Co. v. Old Belvedere 2nd. Crumlin.
Palmerston 3rd v. The Cottagers. Clonskeagh.

ST. STEPHEN'S DAY.

Lansdowne v. Wanderers. Lansdowne road.
Athy v. Old Belvedere. Athy.
Carlow v. Lansdowne 2nd. Carlow.
12th Dublin Co. B.B. v. 32nd Dublin Co. B.B. Castle avenue, 10.30.
12th Co. Old Boys v. 32nd Co. Old Boys, 11 o'c.
St. Patrick's Cathedral Old Boys v. Christ Church Cathedral Old Boys. Lansdowne road, 11 o'c.

TEAMS.

Old Belvedere—R. Belton; T. Conroy, T. Gibney, D. Conroy, P. Murray; J. Boucher, K. Kelly; K. Hession, E. May, C. Hession, P. Kevans, J. Cummins, M. Walsh, J. Nolan, C. Meagher.

Y.M.C.A.—S. Rice; J. Balmer, D. McLean, J. Williams, H. Rudd; A. Archer (capt.), B. McElroy; H. Graham, T. Rudd, J. Ferguson, B. Lloyd, J. Olliffe, R. Ladley, J. McConnell, G. Wynne.

12th Dublin Co. B.B.—T. Kearon; J. Caprani, H. V. Bagster, H. Parsons, S. Craig; S. Bookey, L. Craig; W. Jamieson (capt.), G. Barbour, G. Kay, M. Fowler, W. Lockhart, G. Malcolm, J. H. Deacon, D. Luke. Subs.—G. Holt, R. Ryan.

12th Dublin Co. B.B. Old Boys—A. W. Kelly; J. Slye, E. A. Wheeler, S. V. Lyons, H. J. Ryan; W. Montgomery, N. Maxwell; F. Kleinstuber, R. Garratt, W. Goodey, R. Montgomery, E. Williams, H. Appleyard, G. Bunting, L. Kearon, D. Craig.

32nd Co. B.B. Old Boys—R. P. Dawson; J. Jones, E. Hoy, R. Crozier, S. Deane; D. Y. Gibson, Jack Clarke; W. E. Dawson, Andrew Brown, Ham Lowry, F. Brown, K. McFerran, S. H. Polden, H. Richardson, J. C. Phillips, E. Logan, W. H. Clarke, T. Telfer.

Y.M.C.A. R.F.C.—Players please note that the match arranged for 26th inst. has been cancelled at Palmerston's request.

HOLIDAY COURSING DRAWS.

154 ENTRIES AT BALLYCONRA : 158 AT TRALEE : GOOD SPORT PROMISED AT ALL CENTRES.

SIXTEEN meetings will be held on St. Stephen's Day, including the Kingdom Cup and Garnamon Cup at Tralee and Wexford respectively, which will extend over the Thursday, and five two-day fixtures. The entries all round are exceptionally large. Thus for the Cup meeting at Tralee 158 dogs have been entered, but for their two days at Ballyconra Demesne, Ballyragget, the North Kilkenny Club are only four short of the Kerry total, the card consisting of two 32's, a 28, three 16's and 14. The Kingdom Cup is not included in the Tralee card for the first day, and the same arrangement applies to the Garnamon Cup at Wexford, each of the big stakes being held over for Wednesday and Thursday.

THE KINGDOM CUP.

TRIAL STAKE—For 25 dog puppies.

Dr. Brick's Ultra Violet v. Mr. Brassil's Rusty Razor; Mr. O'Driscoll's Island King v. Mr. Scanlon's State Bank; Mr. Quane's Stake of Storm v. Mr. O'Mahony's Metal Bullet; Miss McQuinn's Blanket Sound v. Mr. Fitzgerald's Dark Chieftain; Mr. O'Connor's Ocean Maine v. Mr. O'Sullivan's Neidin's Cormack; Mr. Quinlan's White Mecca v. Mr. O'Callaghan's Cute Cutlet; Mr. Pierce's Pierce Ferriter v. Mr. O'Gorman's Greenfinder; Mr. Doyle's West Bank v. Mr. Bond's Come On Rattle; Miss Reidy's Rockeby v. Mr. Reidy's Redecision; Mr. Murphy's Eeris Abu (late Blue Tiger) v. Mrs. Randle's Rahanue; Mr. Leahy's Gessber v. Mr. Curtin's Kennel Hill; Miss Sheehy's Squire Malachi v. Mr. Griffin's Giddy Joe; Miss Stack's Tod Sloan, a bye.

TRIAL STAKE—For 21 bitch puppies.

Mr. Foley's Sly Susan v. Mr. Barry's Sunshine Leader; Mr. Enright's Early Snowball v. Mr. Slattery's Stability; Mr. Murphy's Colleen Donn v. Miss O'Donnell's Our Delegate; Mr. Egan's Never First v. Miss McCarthy's Monte Carlo; Mr. Doyle's Strickeen Beauty v. Mr. Casey's Crack of the Tongs; Mr. Latchford's Castlemorris Venus v. Mr. O'Brien's Maura Mischief; Mr. Kiely's Kilduff Daisy v. Miss Corcoran's Kilbrain Madge; Mr. Ryle's Lawn Mower v. Mr. O'Neill's New Nets; Miss Hayes's Spanish Broom v. Mr. Hartnett's Waving Cutlet; Mr. O'Driscoll's Island Rogue v. Mr. Walsh's Spotted Annie; Mr. Crean's Ballintagart, a bye.

BALLYBEGGAN STAKE—For 32 two-course all-ages.

Mr. Daly's Madi v. Mr. Crean's Court Charge; Mr. Reidy's Real Artist v. Mr. Randle's Renagross Eagle; Mr. Lawlor's Captured Bank v. Mr. Carter's Bachelor's Heart; Mr. Reidy's Rebel's Signal v. Miss Grove's Good Beginning; Mr. Lynch's Ballinagire Bridge v. Mr. Leary's Cooler Inn; Mr. O'Sullivan's Neidin's Oisin v. Mr. O'Donnell's Mount Oven King; Miss O'Connor's Clonmore Boy v. Mr. Bower's Brown Flag; Mr. Sheehan's 'Frisco News v. Mr. Brosnan's Brandies Bead; Mr. Griffin's Hub Bub v. Mr. Gaynor's Mountain Gate; Mr. Nolan's Pretty Near v. Miss O'Connell's Cute Coon; Mr. Reidy's Rina Slainte v. Mr. Rahilly's Flying Port Side; Miss Gourley's Border Raider v. Miss Shanahan's Spiller's Purity; Mr. Hayes's Manly Hurler v. Mr. O'Sullivan's Milly the Hunter; Mr. Sheehan's Stephen's Fancy v. Mr. Connolly's Clunagh Sniffy; Mr. O'Neill's Marbles Best v. Miss Scannell's Sunshine Mary; Mr. Collin's Currans Fair v. Mr. Tangney's Young Cigar.

TRALEE STAKE—For 32 one-course all-ages.

Mr. Chute's Cahirciveen Melody v. Mr. Roche's Ringtime; Mr. O'Connor's Always Moving v. Mr. Dillane's Green Again; Mr. Fitzgerald's Third Pick v. Mr. Trant's Tralee Border; Mr. Chute's Charlie Chimer v. Mr. O'Donoghue's Mounteagle Call; Mr. McCarthy's Clear the Bar v. Mr. Ryle's Pierellicon; Mr. Casey's Cycling Boy v. Mr. Jones's Kiltallagh Rover; Mr. O'Connell's Canning Tote v. Mrs. FitzGerald's Beaded Freckle; Mr. Walsh's Rock's Gates v. Mr. Rice's Rosy Rye Bloom; Mr. Ryle's Real Runner v. Mr. Dillon's Winrose; Mr. Trant's Tall Tariff v. Mr. O'Connell's Cock Crow Again; Mr. Barrett's Bad Feeder v. Mr. Hartnett's Creamery Cutlet; Mr. Downing's Drumoninna Lad v. Mr. O'Connor's Flowery Violet; Mr. O'Sullivan's Loway v. Mr. Lyng's Lanoline; Mr. Quane's Green Dale v. Mr. Ring's Lovey Dovey; Mr. Murphy's Cream Click v. Mr. Lynch's Barmaid's Song; Mr. Dowling's Border Hawk v. Mr. Crean's Tubbermaing.

SURPLUS STAKE—For 16 two-course all-ages.

Mr. Brassil's Fortwilliam Blade v. Mr. King's Clash Hero; Mr. O'Donnell's On Duty v. Mr. Fitzell's Forgotten Fashion; Mr. McCarthy's Loaf Sugar v. Mr. O'Halloran's Hillside Hero; Mr. Rogers's Belted Jim v. Miss Grove's Green Cockade; Mr. Griffin's Kilronan v. Miss O'Connor's Call of Duty; Messrs. McCarthy and Corcoran's Darling Jerh v. Mr. Slattery's Street Loafer; Mr. Connolly's Clunagh Curio v. Mr. Sheehy's Suskawao; Mr. Quane's Hannie Hanley v. Mr. Williams's Weeping Rose.

THE KINGDOM CUP entries are as follow. The draw will be made to-day:—

Miss Latchford's Cool Berrima, Mr. Guihan's Sooty Sailor, Mr. O'Leary's Western Warrior, Mr. O'Sullivan's Lively Breaker, Mr. Murphy's Polymelus, Mr. Moriarty's Stop the Marching, Mr. O'Sullivan's Neidin's Figs, Mr. Rank's Julius Rex, Mr. Barrett's Ruby Tonic, Mr. Ryle's Finuge Luckpenny, Mr. Bailey's Right Incline, Mr. Kennedy's Lass of Boulia, Mr. O'Leary's Semi-Lunar, Mr. Brophy's Better Worker, Mr. McQuinn's Tormented Ned, Mr. Crean's Roving Wrestler, Mr. O'Sullivan's I Think Marble, Dr. Trant's Kilbawn Boy, Mr. Walsh's White Sandhills, Mr. Clarke's Dhu Lomawn, Mr. Egan's Hopeful Patriot, Dr. Griffin's Gold File, Mr. S. M. Walsh's Winter's Maine, Miss Slattery's Sanum, Mr. Morris's Just Revenge, Mr. Milner's King's Fortune, Mr. Liston's Jolly Manner, Mr. Healy's Kyle Foam, Mr. Benner's Castlemorris Wings, Mr. Griffin's Gifted Son, Mr. O'Connell's Causeway Joker, Mr. Downing's Arbitration.

Order of Running:—First Day—Once through card. Second Day—Twice through Cup and once through other stakes.

MOONCOIN—TUESDAY.

Judge—Mr. M. O'Riordan. Slipper—M. Walsh.

LOCAL STAKE (16)—Mr. E. Moore's Mayor of Metz v. Mr. N. Walsh's Our Steve; Mr. A. G. Bowers's Boston v. Mr. B. Cunningham's Careful Loafer; Mr. R. Murphy's Dark Hope v. Mr. J. Moore's Many a Time; Mr C. Power's Sea Rover v. Mr. R. Moore's Mooncoin Rover; Mr. R. Brennan's Ballyloughnane Girl v. Mr. J. Fitzgerald's Flying Hackle; Mr. J. McGrath's Mack's Gem v. Miss M. Dalton's That the Girl; Mr. E. Aylward's Ada Darling v. Mr. W. Doherty's Darling Lily; Mr. M. Reade's Rare Bit v. Mr. D. Kelly's Killahy Girl.

TRIAL STAKE (14 dog puppies)—Mr. P. Arrigan's Altogether v. Mr. T. Power's Mr. Pickwick; Mrs. N. McSweeney's Master Crotty v. Mr. J. Walsh's White Flower Shamrock; Mrs. Coghlan's Chief Whip v. Mr. G. Fitzgerald's Beaded Swan; Mr. N. Harney's Harcourt Street v. Mr. E. Lyng's Lenin's Best; Mrs. P. J. Power's Kilmoganny Con v. Mr. T. A. Morris's Mandato; Mr. M. Brereton's Brilliant Side v. Mr. P. Davin's Discobulus; Mr. M. Arrigan's Moy Mel v. Mrs. Coghlan's Competent.

KILMACOW STAKES (6 bitch puppies)—Mr. M. Keating's Kara Kit v. Mr. J. Walsh's Whip Fly Away; Miss K. M. Ryan's Hillside Jingler v. Mr. T. Corcoran's Carrigeen Caprice; Mr. Skehan's Sympathy v. Mr. E. Moore's Mooncoin Rose.

SILVERSPRING STAKES (8 all-ages)—Mr. M. Shanahan's Solid Bob v. Mr. W. Power's Powder Monkey; Mr. W. Maher's Border Warrant v. Mr. L. P. Noonan's Dirty Little Witch; Mr. M. Brereton's Bit of Game v. Mr. J. Y. Jeffares's Jovial Jeddah; Misses Norris's Miss McDonald v. Mr. M. O'Sullivan's Molly the Rag.

CARRIGEEN STAKES (No. 1) (16 two-course maidens)—Mr. Byrne's Star Jazz v. Mr. P. J. Raftis's Rathgarogue; Mr. G. Fitzgerald's The Wolf v. Mrs. O'Donoghue's Tarmack's Pride; Mr. W. O'Toole's Owlerton Star v. Mr. J. O'Connell's Row On; Mr. R. Power's Pretty Prince v. Mr. J. O'Shea's Steamboat Bill; Mr. P. Hallinan's Happy Call v. Mr. E. Lyng's Leather 'Em; Mr. F. O'Meara's Moonlight Loafer v. Mrs. P. Doyle's Texas Ranger; Mr. J. Burke's Geffrey Oer v. Miss Hayes's Hopeful Sam; Mr. J. Kelly's Double Four v. Mr. J. Sheehan's Sound Lad.

CARRIGEEN STAKES (No. 2) (16 two-course maidens)—Mr. W. Doherty's Darling Rover v. Mr. T. Kennedy's Sherlock; Mrs. N. Harney's Have a Deal v. Mrs. O'Reilly's Oronco; Mr. J. Flynn's Friendly Return v. Mrs. M. A. Grant's Game in Action; Mr. M. Power's Primrose Hill v. Mr. P. Hallinan's Solid Lassie; Miss Thompson's Trousseau v. Messrs. O'Keeffe and Grant's Grange Castle; Lady Waterford's Mother Brown v. Mr. J. J. Comerford's Speedy Mutton; Mr. W. Power's Peg Macauntha v. Miss Cunningham's Wily Wooly; Mr. R. Power's Pretty Parsee v. Mr. J. Power's P.W.C.

First brace in slips at 11 o'clock.

BAILIEBORO'—TUESDAY.

Judge—Mr. J. Crowley. Slipper—J. J. Culligan.

TANDERAGEE STAKES (16 puppies)—Mr. O. O'Rourke's Tangler's Fancy v. Mr. J. M. Collins's Brooklawn Jackdaw; Mr. P. Kangley's Dr. Bawn v. Mr. J. Dolan's Drumdad; Mr. W. L. O'Reilly's Strawdawn Laundry v. Mr. J. Sherry's P. and R.; Mr. W. Nolan's Swamp Hawk v. Mr. W. R. Morton's Red Robber; Mr. C. M. Fagan's Prudent Mick v. Dr. W. O'Connor's Feale Guard; Mr. J. Dolan's Drumfool v. Mr. W. Duffy's Kilbrue; Mrs. McManus's New Comer v. Mr. J. M. Collins's Brooklawn Fireball; Mr. W. O'Neill's Lupton's Dream v. Mr. J. Sherry's Frillow's Pet.

BAILIEBORO' STAKE (8 all-ages)—Mr. J. Brady's Binny's Boy v. Mr. R. Wright's Struth Laird; Mr. P. Lynam's Incognito v. Mr. H. Murray's Wondermist; Miss J. O'Brien's Greedy Dick v. Mr. T. Reilly's Pontoon; Mr. J. Brady's Binny's Pet v. Mrs. McManus's Maherafelt Masher; Mr. F. Smyth's Cosa Bega a bye.

VALE STAKE No. 1 (16 two-course maidens)—Mr. M. Quirk's Cha Dalla v. Mr. E. Henderson's Flirt's Ghosts; Mr. M. Reilly's Guiding Peter v. Mr. P. McKeown's Anahard Lad; Mr. G. F. Owens's Boasted Prince v. Mr. W. Caffrey's Glittering Tar; Mr. T. Kelly's On the Wing v. Mr. J. Burns's Wild Fider; Mr. P. McCabe's Dernamoile v. Mr. T. Mullins's Blundering Queen; Mr. J. Brady's Binny's Pride v. Mr. M. Reilly's Lamb's Pluck; Mr. P. McDonald's Moonbeam v. Mr. J. Murtagh's Meant Well; Mr. P. Brown's Breffni Nellie v. Mr. R. Wright's Society Model.

VALE STAKE No. 2 (16 maidens)—Mr. R. Morton's Muskman v. Mr. R. Henderson's Killallen Ranger; Mrs. M. Dickson's Double Three v. Mr. P. Clarke's Come Right; Mr. J. F. Owens's Moorland Hope v. Miss D. M. Flanagan's Keen Beginner; Mr. W. Murtagh's Well Marked v. Mr. J. Neilan's Glenran Lamb; Mr. D. Burns's Beinsport v. Mr. J. Sherry's Cat Killer; Mrs. A. Lynam's Sidney Collette v. Mr. P. Caffrey's Lady Largan; Mr. J. J. Adams's Phantom Meg v. Mr. R. Henderson's Clinty Star; Mr. H. Smyth's Diamond Biddy v. Miss M. Keaton's Golden Colleen.

VALE STAKE No. 3 (8 bitches)—Mr. Hourican's Logmanay v. Mr. F. Clarke's Finueros Flyer; Miss C. McDonald's Myth v. Mr. J. Mitchell's Valley Green; Mr. J. J. O'Reilly's Roisincile v. Miss E. Neilan's Movietone Flyer; Miss Lynch's Bonny Black Bess v. Mr. J. Connell's Heart o' Mine.

ST. MARGARETS—TUESDAY.

Judge—Mr. W. Keenan. Slipper—T. Stone.

TRIAL STAKES (16 bitch puppies)—Major McCoy's April Belle v. Mr. L. Keogh's Moate Star; Master J. K. Stone's Rockett's Buttons v. Mr. P. J. Higgins's Home Stretch; Mr. Ryan's Whistling Lady v. Miss J. O'Connor's Lipogram; Mr. J. M. Collins's Brooklawn Songstress v. Mr. J. Fallon's Our Mate; Miss R. Powell's Ordinary Course v. Mr. G. Ryan's Society Cutlet; Mr. J. Mulcahy's Take-Me-Home v. Mr. L. J. Moriarty's Doonshean Star; Mr. T. Clahane's Little Nugget v. Mr. B. Doyle's Slaney Hill Girl; Miss K. Brennan's White Wonder v. Miss L. O'Brien's Lights of Ballyduff.

BALLYMUN STAKES (8 dog puppies)—Mr. W. Gale's Hairy Lemon v. Mr. P. Flanagan's Hallow Bits; Mr. P. Grane's Hidden Cutlet v. Mr. P. J. Fitzpatrick's Eric; Miss O'Brien's Odd Blackshirt v. Misses M. O'Keeffe and M. Tierney's Crashing Pine; Mr. G. Campion's White Meadow v. Miss R. Meade's Main Joker.

LEAS STAKES (16 all ages)—Mr. J. McCarville's Eradicator v. Mr. T. Madden's Rascality; Mr. R. F. Tynan's Seventy-Seven v. Mr. W. Gale's Gourka; Mr. E. Finn's Mill Spinner v. Mr. G. Campion's Baniatas; Mr. J. D. Bruton's Harewood v. Mr. P. J. Tracy's Essex Terraplane; Mrs. M. Fitzgerald's Wayward Flier v. Miss J. Corcoran's Another Bronach; Mr. R. McKevitt's Go Witch v. Mr. T. Breen's Lady Go Right; Mr. M. Nolan's Rare Flower v. Mr. B. Tierney's Bewinged; Mrs. A. E. O'Keeffe's Gentle Cutlet v. Mr. W. H. Whitfield's Elusive Lady.

COULTRY STAKES (16 2-course maidens)—Miss M. Fagan's Fingal Boy v. Mr. P. O'Brien's Griecemount Hero; Miss A. Fitzgerald's Fair Richard v. Mr. E. Quinn's Quit-the-Road; Mr. C. Reinhart's Balfreen Rover v. Mr. J. D. Bruton's Soviet; Mr. T. Power's Paymaster v. Miss M. Fleming's Fortune's Turn; Mr. J. O'Reilly's Mooltan v. Mrs. M. Powderly's Manor Town; Mr. J. Doherty's Hard Blade v. Mr. T. O'Brien's Odd Brave; Mr. J. Lawless's Uproar v. Mr. P. Dolan's Kilgarve Flapper; Mr. R. Culhane's Broken Agreement v. Mrs. A. O'Keeffe's Lady Powerstown.

BUNGALOW STAKES (16 one-course maidens)—Mr. T. O'Brien's Odd Brilliant v. Misses M. O'Keeffe and M. Tierney's Laughing Pine; Mr. J. C. Caffrey's Neat Bloom v. Mr. J. Doherty's Game Cock; Mr. J. Leavy's Lentox v. Mr. B. Gardiner's Palmer's Hill; Mr. R. Byrne's Congress Boy v. Mr. J. McKevitt's Devoy Dasher; Mr. J. Hassia's Careless Leo v. Mr. J. J. Preston's Mona Memories; Mr. E. Byrne's Singing Heart v. Mr. J. Fennor's Thirteen; Mr. J. Burke's Battling Wave v. Mr. P. J. Lambe's Short Deep; Mr. J. Hackett's Rockery v. Mr. J. McCreary's Amy the Flier.

First brace in slips at 11 o'clock.

BALLINROBE—TUESDAY.

Judge—Mr. J. Meehan. Slipper—J. Burke.

RATHCARREEN STAKES, for 13 puppies—Prince of Clydagh v. Connacht Breese; Airy Boy v. Shanbollard; Larry's Kid v. Victory Six; Mullinamore v. Bengeary; Maam Cross v. Tocsin Bell; Bridin Vesey v. Joyful Bell; Finnaun a bye.

BALLINROBE STAKES, for 8 all-ages—Duck lanny Boy v. Golden Lancer; Rattle the Saxe v. Never Nailed; Straw Hill v. Peggie Tell; Mayalla v. Half a Dollar.

CREAGH STAKES, for 16 two-course all-ages—Mighty Go v. Ballycarroon; Essex Six v. Mickey the Sawyer; Ned's Band v. Slow Island; Golden Day v. Rogaino Dubh; Mace Boy v. Famous Night; Jolly Border v. Connacht Lass; Prior Princess v. Loughnamon Beauty; Jovial Jess v. Windbreaker.

LOUGH MASK STAKES (No. 1), for 16 one-course all-ages—Jerry Castle v. Alder Catkin; An Giolla Gorm v. Loughnamon Boy; Best Assam v. Farm Hero; Rattlin' the Reefer v. I. Wonder; Rosamindle Boy v. Black Lancer; Coolagna Jim v. Branbawn; Muiona v. Manton's Pride; Toearce Pet v. State Beauty.

LOUGH MASK STAKES (No. 2), for 16 one-course all-ages—Rattle Hill v. Cute Sean; Guiding Smile v. Smutty Smile; Plus Fours v. Spoon Bait; Tom Henry v. Cressown; Maid of the Gaeltacht v. Forget It; Golden Thorn v. Hervine's Heart; Romana's Step v. Bandiphone; Arigna's First v. Bandicoat Spotted.

LONGFORD—TUESDAY.

TRIAL STAKES—16 dog puppies.

Mr. J. Gibney's Boherdyke Rogue v. Mr. P. Greeny's Golden Flail; Mr. P. Brannigan's Further Notice v. Mr. P. Hands's Strandhill; Mrs. J. Clynes's Coolronan v. Mr. J. F. Monahan's Master of Ravenhill; Mr. J. Donnelly's Spy the Roper v. Mrs. E. Harty's Sir Hara; Mr. J. J. Casserley's Deeside Express v. Messrs. Ryan's and Costello's Fairyhoogan; Mr. J. Tormey's Brosna Hawk v. Miss O'Brien's He's a Rattler; Mr. T. Harte's Hidden Bramble v. Mr. S. Naughton's Bryan's Best; Mr. F. Gaynor's Fierce Goshawk v. Mrs. Kierney's Konomony.

TRIAL STAKE—16 bitch puppies.

Mr. P. J. Nerney's Rhenaball v. Mr. P. J. Ryan's Leina Wynchoge; Mr. A. Hughes's Reynolds Gift v. Mr. J. J. Casserly's Cutlet's Turned; Miss P. Garty's Curristown Gift v. Mr. J. Clynes's Cincinnati; Mr. M. J. Ryan's Gaelic Mutton v. Mr. A. E. Fisher's Anglesea Amulet; Mr. J. Barry's Some Sold v. Mr. F. Browne's Felton's Beauty; Mr. J. Nugent's Nancy Airley v. Mr. Fox's Forked Lightning; Mr. P. J. Donohoe's Bonfire Princess v. Mr. Leyden's Lady Floss; Mr. J. Duffy's Flighty Miss v. Mr. J. Tormey's Biddy the Hawk.

MacEOIN CUP—16 all-ages.

Mr. H. Tynan's True Disciple v. Mr. Padian's Cutlet; Mr. Stell's Rogue's Moon v. Mr. T. Kelly's Other Days Again; Mrs. J. Clynes's Popsack v. Miss A. Fallon's Foxy Boy; Misses Wallace and Keenan's Snailstown v. Miss Wholeridge's Six Bells; Mr. R. J. Keenan's Spotted Force v. Mr. James Toomey's He's Naughty; Mr. J. Maguire's Cathleen More v. Mr. G. Fitzgerald's Blue Dove; Miss E. Barry's Great Triumph v. Mr. W. Padian's Princess Cutlet; Mr. J. A. Dockery's Hidden Chops v. Mr. M. Gibney's Gabern's Bridge.

LONGFORD STAKE—16 two-course maidens.

Mr. Padian's Cutlet's Chance v. Mr. Kernan's Keen Dan; Mr. R. Tuite's Paddy Shawshee v. Mr. E. Maguire's Happy Doctor; Miss T. Wholcight's The Master v. Mr. F. Asdall's Tonyvarlin Boy; Mr. J. Corcoran's What a Gem v. Mrs. J. O'Hara's Evening Glass; Mr. M. Macken's Rinroe's Nymph v. Mr. A. Barry's Next Rattle; Mr. E. McGerr's Copper Star v. Mr. T. O'Donnell's Modest Maeve; Mr. A. Dunne's Curragh Queen v. Mr. W. M. Harris's Tar Stack; Mr. J. Fallon's Pedder's Best v. Mr. T. Pender's Rejected String.

LONGFORD STAKE (No. 2)—8 two-course maidens.

Mr. P. Murray's Templeogue v. Mr. J. Major's Broken Rule; Mr. J. Bennett's Next Winter v. Mr. J. Higgins's Kilmore Rover; Mr. D. Gill's My Way v. Miss A. M. Hughes's Green Dress; Mr. J. Smith's Mystery Hall v. Mr. Jas. Donnelly's Lady M.C.

ENNISKILLEN—TUESDAY.

PUPPY STAKE (16)—Messrs. Hamilton and Long's Choppy v. Mr. A. Chittick's Drumscara; Mr. P. Maguire's The Dentist v. Mr. A. A. Roy's Dongaroo Again; Mrs. J. Diver's Irish Bush Ranger v. Mr. F. Key's Be Frank; Mr. J. Collins's Handsome Teddy v. Mr. T. Dixon's Drumee Lad; Mr. J. J. McFarland's Moorland Brother v. Mr. J. McCaughey's Flaming Foe; Mr. S. Robinson's Killynure Bridge v. Miss K. McNulty's Then Came Sally; Mr. P. Coyle's Scutcher's Fancy v. Mrs. McHugh's Shady Saddle; Mr. T. Ferguson's Gurteen Maid v. Mr. J. McConnell's Miss Bombay.

TWO-COURSE MAIDEN STAKE (9)—Mr. W. Ferguson's Drumbad Rover v. Mr. J. Turner's Contrast; Mr. A. A. Roy's Dongaroo Express v. Mr. P. Loughran's Seizlam Again; Mr. J. Wilson's Windakep v. Mr. W. Gill's Black Daisy; Mr. T. Dixon's Drumree Lass v. Mr. J. L. McCloskey's Firola; Mr. W. McGarrey's Claret Lass a bye.

ONE COURSE MAIDEN STAKE (16)—Mr. G. Carruthers's Aussie My v. Mr. B. Sweeny's Drumarkey; Mr. W. J. Blair's Ballynahatty Star v. Mr. J. Diver's Aiglin Rua; Mr. Loughran's Strokes v. Mr. J. Morrison's Wish Again; Mr. J. Collins's Mastsarien Abu v. Mr. T. C. Hurst's Foxtrot; Mr. J. McHugh's Kinnine Lass v. Mr. T. McGrade's Give Us a Chance; Mr. C. J. Maguire's Go Tappy v. Mr. B. Hunter's Busybull; Mr. A. Ruddy's Fabia v. Mr. T. Breen's Her Fancy; Mr. P. McGrade's Ferney Maid v. Mr. J. Cummins's Iphigenia.

BOYNE VALLEY—TUESDAY.

Judge—Mr. J. J. Long. Slipper—P. White.

CHAMPION OPEN QUALIFYING STAKES (8 dog puppies)—Mr. J. Kent's Drumcullen v. Messrs. Commons and McKeever's Big Half; Mr. J. Dowler's Pegeen's Dream v. Mr. J. T. Meade's Mabestown Lad; Mr. J. Plunkett's Fenione v. Mr. G. W. Tyrrell's Golden Thatch; Mr. J. Cantwell's Stolen Jewel v. Mr. J. Burn's Mighty Tariff.

CHAMPION OPEN QUALIFYING STAKES (7 bitch puppies)—Mr. C. Byrne's Mullinacro Pear v. Mr. V. J. Cantwell's Bright Jewel; Mr. T. Fitzsimon's Friendly Hand v. Mr. V. J. Roantree's Rippling River; Miss A. B. Malone's Mischievous Minx v. Mr. W. McGrath's Maiden Water; Mr. T. Stewart's Sporting News a bye.

JOHNSTOWN STAKES AND CONNELL CUP (14 all-ages)—Mr. J. Dowler's Dromah v. Mr. S. Clyne's Welcome Stranger; Mr. P. J. Hennessy's Hailfellow v. Mr. M. Buchanan's Mullaghmore Boy; Messrs. Mageo and Reilly's Tamaris Damaris v. Mr. Macken's Kaffan Lad; Mr. J. Callaghan's Highway Lad v. Miss A. B. Malone's Meddlesome Miss; Mr. A. Byrne's Real Romance v. Mr. Dolan's Solid Flapper; Mr. E. Dunne's Musical Harbour v. Miss Armstrong's Solid Pearl; Mr. S. Courtney's Cool Summer v. Mr. J. J. McQuishan's Summer Princess.

FOLLISTOWN STAKES (14 all-ages)—Mr. P. Curry's Bachelor's Prince v. Mr. J. V. Dennis's Famous Dan; Mr. E. Horan's Hand On v. Mr. P. Hussey's He's O.K.; Mr. J. McDermott's Ardnew v. Mr. P. Loughran's Loanda Boy; Mr. F. Sheridan's Electric Pop v. Mr. J. O'Neill's Wolf Car; Mr. W. McGrath's Clady River v. Mr. P. Dolan's Kilgarie Flapper; Mr. T. Bennett's Forthe Lass v. Mrs. J. Mitchell's Mountain Princess; Mr. P. Reilly's Mischief Mistress v. Mr. C. McGrath's Cunard Belle.

Meet at Mooretown Cross 9 o'clock. First brace in slips at 9.30.

KILKENNY—TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY.

Judge—Mr. P. J. Murphy. Slipper—M. Moran.

TRIAL STAKES (DERBY) (32 dog puppies).—Mr. P. J. Anglim's Darling Days v. Mr. M. Stapleton's Moate St. Boy; Mr. L. Dardis's Sunny Dawn v. Mr. D. Dunne's Basara Law; Mr. T. Fenlon's Full Price v. Miss I. Mulhall's Massive Days; Mr. P. J. Phelan's Garryowen v. Mrs. C. Cummins's Breifin Slasher; Mr. "W. Twyford's" Tachometer v. Mrs. E. Gilligan's Vizsol; Mrs. M. Noonan's Brave Joker v. Miss S. Wall's Boherkyle Joker; Mr. N. McSweeney's Master T. v. Mr. T. Fennin's Frisco Hobo; Mr. T. Brophy's Braggadocia v. Mr. A. Pierce's Captain Cutlet; Mr. "W. Mahan's" Malakoff v. Mr. R. Buchanan's Beaded Nut; Mr. J. Brennan's Elas Cutlet v. Mr. A. Pierce's Corporal Cutlet; Miss K. Hourihane's The Rocket v. Mr. D. Byrne's Forte of Ash; Mr. T. McGrath's Rigney's Car v. Mr. V. F. Kidd's Kid's Beret; Mr. T. Kelly's Cashel Star v. Mr. C. O'Reilly's Clever Officer; Mrs. P. J. Duggan's 1-2-3 v. Mr. A. Fitzgerald's Fleeting Gallant; Mr. T. A. Morris's Mordaunt v. Mr. Conlon's Constant Chase; Mr. P. Power's Castleve Again v. Mr. T. Fennin's Fantomas.

TRIAL STAKES (OAKS) (28 bitch puppies).—Mr. J. Morton's Merry Mab v. Mr. R. F. Forman's Pandorix; Mr. "W. Mahan's" Medeba v. Mr. P. Lalor's Closhawn Kit; Messrs. Murphy and Kelly's Kilfane Princess v. Mr. M. Stapleton's Girl from Wexford; Mr. J. Butler's Big Betty v. Mr. T. Barrett's Toiteres; Mrs. D. Hughes's Moving Peggy v. Mr. J. Bergin's Garron Girl; Miss I. Mulhall's Mystiform v. Mrs. R. Cullinane's Pretty Bird; Mr. A. Delaney's Valley Belt v. Mr. E. Furniss's Fast Again; Mr. T. Harney's Howley v. Mr. J. Fahy's Frost Bite; Mr. T. Dunleavy's Knockaderry's Pride v. Mr. M. McGrath's May Rose; Mr. J. Murphy's Madlin's Fancy v. Mr. D. J. Gorey's Girl Pilot; Mr. P. J. Dunphy's Derryfore Queen v. Mr. P. Heyne's Peggie Awake; Mrs. A. Brennan's Myra Lamb v. Mr. P. Guinan's Cool Gun; Mr. W. Lowe's Lilac Leaf v. Mr. A. Barry's Leonard's Pick; Mrs. N. McSweeney's Traitless v. Mrs. E. Morton's Me Lanna.

STUBBER CUP (32 all-ages).—Mr. P. V. Murphy's Meadow Foxtail v. Mr. J. W. Delaney's Newtown Fancy; Miss L. Moore's Swift Heart v. Mrs. A. Fitzpatrick's Sports Express; Mr. T. A. Morris's Muster v. Mr. N. Teehan's Tullaroan Forward; Mr. W. Connery's Crystal Delage v. Mr. R. Power's Pal-o-Mile; Mr. O. Cummins's Tulla Gem v. Mr. E. Phelan's Ashfield Hall; Mrs. E. P. Keane's Rejected Light v. Miss M. Cormack's Harry's Folly; Mr. M. Keane's Kells Gem v. Mr. D. Moloney's My Mistake; Mr. J. Dunphy's Don't Answer v. Mr. W. Ryan's Run Well; Mr. R. W. Morland's Model Tony v. Mr. J. Tierney's Tynan's Cure; Miss K. Gorey's Gambling Son v. Miss Ivy Dunphy's Royal Deb; Messrs. Quinn and Brennan's Brilliant Bob v. Miss C. Murphy's Main Prize; Mr. E. A. Stack's Smerla King v. Mr. D. Dunne's Cheerful Lawyer; Mr. W. Walsh's Whirlwave v. Mrs. E. P. Keane's Fleet Light; Mr. P. Doyle's Darling Cissie v. Master B. Renehan's Brilliant Ruby; Mr. W. J. Duggan's Busy Letty v. Mr. J. Brennan's Better Ela; Mr. B. Ennis's Tender Cutlet v. Mr. W. Walsh's Whirlalong.

KNOCKMANNON STAKES (No. 1) (16 2-course maidens)—Mr. P. Keane's Kilkenny Clash v. Mr. J. Kavanagh's Knight's Dream; Mr. M. Bolger's Uncle Marks v. Mr. C. Nolan's Naughty Fellow; Mr. M. Ormond's Rattling Dick v. Mr. M. Mullally's Milenco; Master H. Murphy's Moate Warrior v. Mr. V. F. Kidd's Kid's Toy; Mr. P. V. Murphy's Mozart v. Mr. James Fitzpatrick's Lilac Wonder; Mr. M. Smyth's Silver Forest v. Mr. W. Doherty's Darling Hero; Mr. P. Molloy's Wellbrook Paddy v. Mr. J. J. O'Donnell's Long Barrel; Mr. P. Power's New Fashion v. Mr. T. Lennon's Lemon Rock.

PARKSGROVE STAKES (for 14 all-ages)—Mrs. T. Walsh's Wireless Steak v. Mr. J. Delaney's Dundrum; Mrs. P. Lacey's Ormac's Friend v. Mr. M. Bowden's Bowden Brake; Mr. M. Stapleton's Moate Street Boy v. Mr. P. Murphy's Medical Choice; Mrs. E. Morton's Me Lanna v. Mr. R. Conway's Airly Bush; Mr. T. Walsh's Wireless Sean v. Mr. M. Stapleton's Moate Street Beauty; Mr. P. McGree's My Only v. Mr. E. Fitzpatrick's Stop Quick; Mr. M. Bowden's Ballyring Lass v. Mr. J. Morton's My Duchess.

KNOCKMANNON STAKES (No. 2) (16 two-course maidens)—Mr. J. Conway's Clogh Demon v. Mr. J. Weston's Winning Ticket; Mr. V. F. Kidd's Oil Tanker v. Mr. E. Brennan's Foxboro' Boy; Mr. J. Murphy's Marble City v. Mr. N. J. Harrison's (jun.) High Rates; Mr. W. Vaughan's Verax v. Mr. M. J. Mulhall's Mighty Days; Mr. T. Frisby's Obstinate Artist v. Mr. M. McGrath's Saor Eire; Mr. J. Guinan's Gun Off v. Mr. W. Daly's Mausrour; Mr. T. F. Maher's Maoiri v. Mr. M. Ring's Miner's Friend; Mr. J. J. Kenny's Knickerbockers v. Mr. M. Curran's Higher Cabman.

LISDOWNEY STAKES (16 two-course maidens, bitches)—Mr. P. Brennan's Hammer Still v. Mrs. N. McSweeney's Madcap Miss; Mr. M. Deegan's Beaded Kitty v. Mr. T. Harney's How Near; Miss A. Byrne's Silver Bright v. Miss N. Joyce's Jolly Swift; Mr. V. F. Kidd's Kidd's Luck v. Mr. S. Nolan's Now What Fancy; Mr. J. Costigan's Wistful Lady v. Mrs. K. Kavanagh's Cow Girl Jane; Mr. M. Ring's Betty Dunne v. Miss A. Coghlan's Violets in June; Mr. P. Phelan's Bracken v. Mr. E. Cody's Wild Biddy; Mr. W. Power's Post Card v. Mr. P. Brennan's Busy Nancy.

Order of Running:—First day, twice through both Trial Stakes and Stubber Cup; twice through Knockmannon Stakes No. 1.

NORTH TIPPERARY—TUESDAY.

Judge—Mr. W. J. Gleeson. Slipper—J. J. Mulvihill.

MEMBERS' STAKE (13 one-course maidens)—Mr. J. O'Brien's Considine's Bridge v. Mr. P. Gleeson's Gunphone; Mr. M. Darcy's Ballycasey Trio v. Mr. P. Daly's Moanfin Boy; Mr. J. Minogue's Pintown Leader v. Mr. T. Ryan's Scarlet Tiger; Mr. J. Gleeson's Polycarp v. Mr. J. Nolan's Now Jassey; Mr. J. Ayres's Murphy's Glory v. Mrs. Creagh's Rattleway's Queen; Mr. S. Fogarty's Knockalton Daisy v. Mr. D. Minogue's Moanfin Lass; Mr. M. Nolan's Deeside Melody a bye.

CLASHNEVIN STAKES (16 dog puppies).—Mr. M. Condon's Cold Consolation v. Miss O'Meara's Mac Dara; Mr. C. J. Delaney's Dear Doctor v. Mr. P. Ryan's Rebel Friend; Mr. W. Ryan's Prime Dev. v. Mr. W. Small's Honest Rover; Mr. C. Toohey's Silver Street Lad v. Miss O'Meara's Sceolain Og; Mr. L. McGrath's Goborg v. Miss P. Gardiner's Generous Dick; Mr. S. Dennehy's Foot of Keeper v. Mr. J. Brett's Brillante; Mr. W. Loughnane's Cumann Leader v. Mrs. M. K. Nolan's Towlerton; Mr. J. Shortt's Gallant Son v. Mr. J. Ryan's Penny Boy.

KILRUANE STAKES (15 bitch puppies).—Mrs. Rogers's Peggy Delage v. Mr. C. Ryan's Dinky Lady; Mrs. Kelly's Keep Sweet v. Mr. D. O'Riain's My Escort; Mr. J. McKeogh's Tame Affair v. Mr. E. O'Malley's Yellowamoe; Mr. M. Mortel's Decider v. Miss Toomey's Fanny Deeside; Mr. M. Riordan's Dennet's Dream v. Mr. G. Stanley's Woodville Cutlet; Mr. J. Reddan's Boreen Girl v. Mr. J. Brennan's Wily Warbler; Mr. J. Barry's Similax v. Mr. J. Ryan's Russet Joy; Miss Ryan's Dinky Lassie a bye.

NENAGH STAKES (10 all ages)—Mr. J. P. Martin's Cara's Future v. Mr. W. Coffey's Doonane Toff; Miss P. Quinlan's Pay Quietly v. Mr. S. Minogue's Royal Welcome; Mrs. M. Ryan's Hounded Down v. Mr. W. Sullivan's Seaside Rattler; Mr. J. Stapleton's Silent Rogue v. Mr. M. Keane's Knockea Lass; Miss P. Gardiner's Gallant Lamb v. Mr. P. O Cuinneain's Cailin Skawhur.

BALLINTOTTY STAKES (16 two-course maidens)—Mr. M. Slattery's Famous Cutlet v. Mr. E. Kinane's Eastern Kid; Mrs. K. Connolly's Careless Wave v. Mr. L. Gleeson's Phantom; Mr. M. Nolan's Spring Bloom v. Mr. M. Toomy's Ballybeg Steak; Mr. P. Kinnane's Golden Robe v. Miss M. Hooley's Autumn Gold; Mr. C. Gallagher's Handy Sonnie v. Mrs. D. Scanlan's Slieve Phelim Lassie; Mr. C. Toohey's British Maid v. Mr. J. Quinlan's Queen Street; Mr. P. Butler's Pop Off Kid v. Mr. W. Ryan's Flag of Ergan; Mr. P. Burke's Eastern Speed v. Mr. E. Kinnane's Chocolate Kid.

KILCREEVIN—TUESDAY.

Judge—Mr. E. Kelly. Slipper—P. McGowan.

TRIAL STAKE (11 dog puppies)—Mr. Foye's Finn Shea v. Mr. O'Kelly's Straight Comrade; Mrs. Gorman's Go Backward v. Mr. McGlynn's Mick the Thresher; Mr. O'Hart's Hazel Fort v. Mr. Meehan's Early Dawn; Mr. Delahunty's Flint's Fist v. Mr. McDermott's Mutton Clash; Mr. Woodland's Typhoon's Heir v. Mr. Feehan's Lugnagal; Mr. Brennan's Bashful Bertie a bye.

KILCREEVIN STAKE (7 all-ages) — Mr. O'Beirne's Chieftain Hero v. Messrs. Farrell and Nally's Flying Imp; Mr. McMahony's Booted Charlie v. Mr. Kilfeather's Retreat; Mr. McLoughlin's Irish Cheddar v. Mr. Dockry's Carrigan's Dance; Mr. Benson's Be Witty a bye.

CLOONLURG STAKE (16 all-ages) — Mr. Doherty's Artful Victor v. Mr. McMahon's White Force; Mr. Hawshaw's Last Pet v. Mr. Fitzpatrick's Young McCool; Mr. Kelly's Roving String v. Mr. Gilligan's Sail; Mrs. Gorman's Go Forward v. Mr. Healy's Honey Rattler; Mrs. Morrisroe's Mirthful Vagabond v. Mrs. Green's Great Sweep; Mr. Brennan's Dutch Bulb v. Mr. Benson's Be Steady; Mr. Devine's Pencilled Eyebrows v. Mr. Jackson's Decam Daphne; Mrs. McGlynn's Litte Cream v. Mr. Coleman's Doubtful Decision.

CLOONLURG STAKE (No. 2) (8 all-ages)—Mr. O'Rourke's Charge Flash v. Mr. O'Harte's Hazel River; Miss Carney's Owen's Rejected v. Mr. McElhone's Again Carrigeen; Mr. Cooney's Hidden Villain v. Mr. O'Connor's Short Foot; Mrs. Gardiner's Exit Smiling v. Mr. Egan's Sweet Nothing.

KILSBROOK STAKE (18 local dogs) — Mr. McAndrew's Moire Rex v. Mr. McManus's Rathnakilliga; Mr. Anderson's Brian Og v. Mr. Grady's Derroon Screw; Miss Derkin's Silver Bait v. Mr. Cryan's Crafty Calla; Mr. Connell's Church Parade v. Mr. Doohill's Dandy Miller; Mr. Hannan's Young Donal v. Mr. Rogers's Emlaghten Lass; Mr. King's Fly Magpie v. Mr. Healy's Honey Shell; Mr. Dockry's Mirror v. Mr. Finan's Ballymote Fairy; Mr. Hely's Homely Glen v. Mr. Farry's Derrynagrang; Mr. McDonagh's My Time v. Mr. Connell's Cheerful Kid.

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TRIAL STAKES—For 16 dog puppies.

Mr. O'Donnell's Cupola agst. Miss O'Dea's Lord Rankin; Mr. Dromey's Joachim Dick agst. Miss Neville's White Moonbeam; Mr. O'Gorman's Charles Street agst. Mr. Howard's Paddy H.; Mr. Greenan's Kilpadder Hill agst. Mr. Kelleher's Conor Oge; Mr. O'Mahony's Priory Glen agst. Mr. Lynch's Leaning Tower; Mr. O'Brien's Ocean Bruiser agst. Mr. Mullane's Fair Time; Mr. O'Shea's Tell Pin agst. Mr. O'Connor's Rung In; Mr. Fleming's Lapsy Pal agst. Mr. Lane's Ardmore Captain.

TRIAL STAKES—For 16 bitch puppies.

Mr. O'Brien's Ocean Bounty agst. Mr. Wiseman's Bella White; Mr. Ryan's Bunkum's Beauty agst. Mr. O'Connell's Ballinphellic Lass; Mr. Ahern's Day of Days agst. Mr. Pyper's Polveraghs; Mrs. Kilcooley's Lute F. agst. Mr. Wall's Bon Mot; Mr. Spillane's Madame Cupid agst. Mrs. Barry's Roving Maura; Miss O'Leary's Saucy Nancy agst. Mr. Corkery's Corella; Mrs. Kelleher's Keel Daisy agst. Mr. Hannan's Show Dance; Mr. O'Brien's Ocean Bess agst. Mrs. O'Donoghue's Roving Colleen.

BALLINCOLLIG STAKE—For 10 all ages.

Mr. Cotter's Castleanagan agst. Mr. Condon's Bay d'Or; Mr. O'Connell's Fat Lamb agst. Mrs. O'Donoghue's Roving Rambler; Mr. Sheehan's Lisnacairn agst. Mr. Donovan's Sparkling Port; Mr. Wyse's Quick Warrior agst. Mr. Fitzpatrick's Shaun a Feeka; Mr. Kelleher's Moving Port agst. Mr. O'Sullivan's Merry Bess.

INNISCARRA STAKE—16 two-course all-aged bitches.

Mrs. Heelan's Lacquer Lass agst. Miss Casey's Gipsy Rover; Mr. Ryan's Housekeeper agst. Mr. Finn's Greenfield Charm; Mr. Buckley's Bouncing Ocean agst. Mr. Ryan's Red Sweep; Mr. Crowley's Lady Friend agst. Mr. O'Driscoll's Squirese; Mr. Nolan's Greek Fir agst. Mr. Barry's Bill's Idol; Mr. Walsh's Rock's Pride agst. Mr. Dennehy's Kilpadder Queen; Mr. Keohane's Specific agst. Mr. Lombard's Love Light; Mr. Desmond's Sylvan Beauty agst. Miss Hegarty's Miss Hillman.

BALLINORA STAKE—16 one-course all-aged dogs.

Mr. Crowley's Wily Port agst. Mr. O'Leary's Solid Sparks; Mr. Flaherty's Mack's Model agst. Miss Hegarty's Kelly Hat; Mr. O'Sullivan's British Gift agst. Mr. Uncle's Bonny Black Boy; Mr. Murphy's Ballysheedy Rory agst. Mr. O'Connor's Lyrenamon Boy; Mr. O'Sullivan's Knockhill Ranger agst. Mr. O'Connell's Office Company; Mr. O'Brien's Great Force agst. Mr. Joyce's Erin's Glen; Mr. Browning's Canned Music agst. Miss Casey's Movie Crazy; Mr. Noonan's Knock View agst. Mr. Condon's Golden Lawyer.

SURPLUS STAKE—16 two-course all-ages.

Mr. O'Leary's Border Leicester agst. Mr. Kiely's In Time; Mr. O'Brien's Gurrane Cottage agst. Mr. O'Donoghue's Mad to be First; Miss O'Sullivan's Lady Sea Star agst. Mr. Barry's Rob the Rover; Mr. Wallace's West Ham agst. Mr. O'Connell's Office Charger; Mr. Mackey's Dee Bit agst. Mr. Twomey's Trunk Load; Mr. Buckley's Geragh Bar agst. Mr. O'Brien's Ocean Brawl; Mr. Murphy's Cottage Gate agst. Mr. Coughlan's French Maid; Mr. Wyse's Staaden Warrior agst. Mr. Neville's Lady Be Good.

Order of Running:—First Day—Twice through Game Protection Cup, Trial Stakes and Ballincollig Stakes, and once through Inniscarra Stakes. First brace in slips each day at 11.30 sharp.

TALLOW—TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY.

Judge—Mr. S. Keating. Slipper—R. J. Redmond.

TRIAL STAKE (11 dog puppies)—Mr. J. O'Mahony's Castlemiles v. Mr. F. Hannon's Clubman; Mr. E. Smyth's Highlake Corporal v. Mr. J. Broderick's Brandy Wafer; Mr. M. Walsh's Prond Cutlet v. Mr. T. Veale's Clonea Stake; Mr. T. Gorman's Knockgriffin v. Mr. T. O'Brien's O Bee Action; Mr. W. Ahern's Artagnan v. Mr. J. Flynn's Pep Again; Mr. Donovan's Dreamus a bye.

TRIAL STAKE (10 bitch puppies)—Mr. J. Carey's Clever Jink v. Miss B. Hynes's Donella; Miss R. Barry's Rambling Bess v. Mr. J. O'Keeffe's Deeshee; Mr. P. Hartigan's Ballinascala Maid v. Mr. T. Russell's Signature; Mr. W. Power's Palmette v. Mr. P. O'Sullivan's Pibrock; Miss M. Cronin's Another Ramola v. Mr. J. McCarthy's Signal Seal.

ALL-AGE STAKE—Mr. M. Lynch's Lucky Rattler v. Mrs. J. Hogan's River Beauty.

JANEVILLE STAKE (No. 1) (8 all ages)—Mr. J. J. Long's Cahermore Chief v. Mr. D. Noonan's Sergeant Sam; Mr. J. McCarthy's Carrig Champion v. Mr. J. Kenny's Cheerful Warrior; Mr. J. Murphy's Medical Doctor v. Mr. T. O'Shea's Flag Jack; Mr. W. Gould's Coolcap Lass v. Mrs. Kennedy's K.P.

JANEVILLE STAKE (No. 2) (6 all ages)—Mr. J. Beecher's Natakilla v. Mr. P. O'Sullivan's Ballyregan; Mr. P. O'Sullivan's Ropewalk Laddie v. Mr. T. Shine's Knockfee Boy; Mr. M. Dwane's Broomhill Belle v. Mr. J. Wise's Westland.

TALLOW STAKE (17 two-course maidens)—Mr. P. Guiry's Gambol v. Mr. M. J. Colbert's Rathcanning Boy; Mr. D. Sheehan's Salesian v. Mr. J. O'Donovan's General's Fancy; Mr. W. Walshe's Southern Breeze v. Miss M. Foley's Wily Man; Mr. T. Donovan's Cross Flow v. Mrs. J. O'Leary's Just One Leader; Mr. Hailey's C3 v. Mr. C. McCarthy's Suspicion; Mr. J. Noonan's New Design v. Mr. T. O'Connor's Janie Fly; Mrs. K. A. Murphy's Tons of Glory v. Miss M. Kenny's Model's Pet; Mr. J. P. Twomey's Rusheen Queen v. Miss F. Walsh's Buster Brown; Mr. S. Hanney's Hidden Sheep a bye.

SAPPERTON STAKE (No. 1) (16 one course maidens)—Mr. P. Noonan's Staker's Last v. Mr. J. Cuddigan's Rock Meadow; Mr. J. Ryan's Keen Jack v. Master M. Walsh's Perfect Cut; Mr. W. O'Riordan's Rattle the Fox v. Mr. J. Kenny's Model's Best; Mr. E. Twohill's Freddy T. v. Mr. D. Noonan's Kelly's Corner; Mr. H. Glavin's Irish Goods v. Mr. P. Hogan's Cheerful Model; Mr. W. Moran's Adagio v. Mr. J. J. Crotty's Cunnigan Hut; Mr. P. Morrissey's Mahon Pride v. Mr. P. J. Hallahan's Betty From Tour; Mrs. M. Walsh's Water Bush v. Mr. M. Cashman's Dysart Nell.

SAPPERTON STAKE (No. 2) (16 one course maidens)—Mr. T. C. Curtin's Komme de Aye v. Mr. J. Barry's Welcome Caller; Mr. W. O'Riordan's Dashing Porthos v. Mr. M. J. Wallace's Tricky Jack; Mr. D. Sheehan's Santorin v. Mr. D. Westall's Aghide House; Mr. J. Power's S.W.S. v. Mr. J. Fenton's First Rib; Mrs. E. Grey's Weebie's Pet v. Mrs. M. Cindin's Peg the Rover; Mr. J. J. Walsh's Mariam Neye v. Mr. D. J. O'Brien's Ballinvoher Girl; Mr. J. O'Flaherty's Perfect Loo v. Mr. C. P. Hynes's Killshalla; Mr. M. J. Carter's Harleo's Model v. Mr. J. Crimens's Springtime Lady.

O'SULLIVAN CUP (5)—Mr. J. M. Beecher's Flying Warrior v. Mr. P. F. Walsh's Kilnacarriga Lass; Mr. F. Ryan's Bakehouse Girl v. Mr. E. Fenton's Cailnon's Folly; Mr R. Hinsen's Lismore Rambler a bye.

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LAWN TENNIS.

ENGLAND FAIL IN SECOND TEST.

RUNAWAY VICTORY FOR AUSTRALIA.

BRISBANE, Friday.

England, after losing all four matches played yesterday on the first day of the second test with Australia, to-day were successful in winning only one of the four matches played. Australia now leads 7-1, so that they have already gained a winning lead with four games still to be played.

A blow to England was the defeat of F. J. Perry at the hands of Vivian McGrath, the young exponent of the two-handed backhand stroke. After losing the first set, McGrath won by 3-6, 6-2, 6-3. Perry's defeat was all the more surprising seeing that he beat McGrath with such ease in the Davis Cup contest. McGrath played super tennis today. He exploited his unorthodox backhand with great success, while his cross-court shots in the latter stages of the game had Perry well beaten.

Perry's service was fast and accurate and his forehand worked well, but McGrath, revealing fine speed and anticipation, returned nearly everything. Perry staged some of his spectacular recoveries and brought off some fine winners down the side lines, but his game fell away towards the finish when McGrath was leading 4-0 in the third set.

Results:—

F. H. D. Wilde (England) beat E. F. Moon (Australia)—7-5, 6-4.

V. G. McGrath (Australia) beat F. J. Perry (England)—3-6, 6-2, 6-3.

H. O. Hopman (Australia) beat H. G. N. Lee (England)—6-2, 3-6, 8-6.

A. K. Quist and V. G. McGrath (Australia) beat G. P. Hughes and F. H. D. Wilde—1-6, 2-6, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4.

GOLF.

HOLIDAY FIXTURES.

TO-DAY.

SKERRIES.
Club prize, nine holes, strokes.

KILLINEY.
Fourball, bogey, nine holes.

TO-MORROW.

WOODBROOK.
Fourball, bogey.

DECEMBER 26.

HERMITAGE.
Fourball, sweepstakes.

CASTLE.
Morning, fourball; afternoon, fourball and mixed foursomes.

SKERRIES.
Monthly medal, bogey.

PORTMARNOCK.
Fourball, bogey.

BRAY.
Fourball, bogey.

MILLTOWN.
Fourball, bogey.

WOODBROOK.
Semi-open, fourball, bogey.

ISLAND.
Semi-open mixed foursomes.

CLONTARF.
Committee prize, fourball, bogey.

DELGANY.
Fourball, sweepstakes, bogey.

RATHFARNHAM.
Morning, fourball, bogey; afternoon, nine holes strokes.

SUTTON.
Fourball, bogey.

GREYSTONES.
Men's fourball, open to visitors.

GRANGE.
Morning, strokes; afternoon, foursomes, nine holes, strokes.

DONABATE.
Mr. Corbally's prize and sweepstakes, 18 holes, strokes, from 11 o'clock.

CLUB RESULTS AND NOTICES.

MILLTOWN.
No competition to-day. December 26—Fourball, bogey.

BRAY.
December 26.—Fourball, nine holes, bogey.

PORTMARNOCK.
The clubhouse will be closed at 2.30 on Christmas Day. St. Stephen's Day—Fourball, bogey.

WOODBROOK.
Sunday, 24—Fourball, bogey, 18 holes. St. Stephen's Day—Semi-open fourball, bogey, 18 holes.

ISLAND.
Tuesday, December 26—Semi-open mixed foursome sweepstake, bogey; post entries; choose opponents.

KILLINEY.
To-day—Club fourball, bogey, nine holes.

HERMITAGE.
Wednesday Cup.—J. E. Gibney, 2 up; J. E. Dalton, 2 up; Hon. B. Plunket, 1 up; E. McManus, all square. Tuesday, December 26, fourball, sweepstakes.

CLONTARF.
St. Stephen's Day—Committee prize, fourball, bogey.

CASTLE.
Clubhouse, except Locker Rooms, closed on Christmas Day. Tuesday a.m., fourball; p.m. fourball and mixed foursomes.

BUNDORAN.
Turkey Competition—J. P. O'Carroll (scr.), 70; Dr. Daly (13), 74. Christmas Hamper—F. Meehan (5), 73; J. P. O'Carroll (scr.), 76.

GRANGE.
Christmas Day—Clubhouse closed from 3 o'clock. St. Stephen's Day—Morning, strokes; afternoon, foursomes, 9 holes, strokes.

SUTTON.
Clubhouse closed from 2 p.m. on Christmas Day. December 26—Four-ball, bogey. Arrange partners and opponents.

MR. LAMBTON'S FAREWELL TO STANLEY HOUSE.

The Hon. G. Lambton, who has been succeeded by Colledge Leader as trainer to Lord Derby, has been presented yesterday by the staff of the Stanley House stable with a silver salver inscribed: "Presented as a token of respect to a great and good Master, from the Staff of the Stanley House Stable, with best wishes from all."

In acknowledging the gift Mr. Lambton said: "There are three factors in the many years that I have been trainer here of which I have been especially proud. They are the goodwill, the friendship and the efficiency of the men and boys who have done so much to make a success of the stable.

"We have always been a happy family. Some of you older men must have wondered why I have kept silent, but to tell you the truth I have had neither the courage nor the strength to speak to you. It is all too painful, and it has nearly broken my heart to break away."

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GAELIC GAMES.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR.

PROGRESS IN ULSTER : ADVANCE OF HURLING IN LIMERICK.

(BY PAT'O.)

ACTIVITIES on the playing fields are suspended at the moment. To-morrow is a blank day, and the League games will not be resumed before mid-January. Exceptionally dry weather has kept the playing pitches in very good condition, but teams will enjoy the holiday respite.

ULSTER'S FIRST TITLE.

The year just closing has been remarkable for the growth of junior, minor and school clubs, as well as for the punctuality, decorum and record attendances at senior competitions. Honours were fairly evenly divided between the four provinces, and Cavan's success in the All Ireland football championship brought general satisfaction. Following fifty years of tenacious effort, the senior title went to Ulster for the first time.

Of the 48 Ulster championships decided Cavan have won exactly 50 per cent., and at least four times in the last half a dozen years the Breffni men have run the best Southern counties to narrow margins, notably in the Railway Cups, National League and the 1928 All Ireland final, when they ran Kildare (holders) to a point at Croke Park. The final score was 2-6 to 2-5, and the game was distinguished by Cavan's sound defence in the last quarter, when Kildare's speedy front line were all out.

A STAUNCH SIDE.

Cavan won their provincial title in convincing style, and set the seal on their work when they defeated the holders, Kerry, at Breffni Park in August. The veteran Northern captain, J. Smith, of the Garda, made no secret of his confidence. Drawing on several new players, he had built up a staunch side with a steady defence, powerful mid-field and enterprising attack. It is true that Kerry were in attack through the bulk of the second half, but Smith, Lynch and Denning held them well, and when Smallhorn, Devlin and McGovern broke away for an unexpected and decisive goal the champions were dethroned.

GALWAY'S SURPRISE.

Dublin had played with fine confidence through the Leinster ties, and were hot favourites at Mullingar. Galway's young side, having surprised Mayo in the West, were not dismayed by Dublin's great record. The Connachians' speed surprised Dublin's forwards, and beaten for pace on both wings, Dublin were playing an uphill battle in the second half, and failed to get on terms in an exciting finish.

The 1933 football final between Cavan and Galway broke all attendance records, and spectators were kept on tip-toe to the end. Cavan's balance and steadiness prevailed, when Galway, playing with abandon in the last quarter, looked like pulling the game round. Still, there was no mistaking the fact that Cavan were the more weary team at the finish.

HURLING TOPICS.

Kilkenny retained their hurling title after a gruelling series of games against Dublin, Galway, and Limerick in rapid succession. The Metropolitans led them a merry dance for 45 minutes at Wexford Park until the city backs cracked up under the assault of Meagher, the Power pair, and Fitzpatrick. Galway, on Birr's narrow pitch, again extended the champions, whose ashcraft alone saved them against an aggressive Western side.

Limerick were the springing hurling team, *par excellence* of the year. In Munster they were head and shoulder over strong counties, and their final against Kilkenny will be remembered as a pulsating game of grim tackling and sound hurling. Had Limerick's front line been in keeping with her midfield and backs, the title would have gone South. Here, too, the better balance won, though the issue was in doubt until that last brilliant goal by John Dunne. Since then Limerick have enhanced their reputation in four league games against Offaly, Tipperary, Galway, and Clare.

THE JUBILEE YEAR.

A feature of the back-end leagues has been Dublin's success in both codes. In seven matches they are without defeat, and enter the new year in buoyant spirit. A uniformity of talent has been a healthy feature of the 1933 competitions. This, coupled with the rapid spread of the games in the schools and colleges, forms a good augury for a record year in 1934—the fiftieth anniversary of the birth of the G.A.A. Extensive preparations are forward for a fitting celebration.

HOCKEY.

TO-DAY'S FIXTURES.

Railway Union "B" v. Dalkey "B," Stradbrook, 2.30.

Railway Union "A" v. Imp. Tob. Co. "A," Crumlin, 2.30.

Railway Union "A"—W. Leopold, J. H. Doran, M. C. O'Donoghue (capt.), G. Territt, W. Sweeney, T. O'Malley, G. K. Duff, A. Knight, B. O'Connor, H. Knight, W. Hennessey.

Railway Union "B"—W. O'Farrell, M. J. Doogan (capt.), W. Broad, D. Roark, W. Thompson, C. Sweeney, K. Tanham, W. E. Halliday, W. R. Lambert, G. McNeany, J. Tanham.

Dalkey "A"—N. McNally, W. Crawford, R. McCulloch, R. Telford, H. Felton, J. McWade, M. Murphy, W. Ward, D. Dunn, D. McDonald (capt.), R. Wykes.

MOTOR CYCLING.

MOTOR CYCLE UNION OF IRELAND.

At the monthly meeting of the Council of the Southern Centre of the Motor Cycle Union of Ireland, at which Mr. J. J. Sheill presided, the Leinster Motor Cycle and Light Car Club was given permission to alter the date of their 200 miles road race from August 4th to May 5th. A permit was granted to the Dublin University Motor Cycle and Light Car Club for an all-night trial on January 27th.

The Council discussed at length the agenda for the forthcoming conference with the Ulster Centre of the Union, which will be held in Dublin on Saturday, January 13th. The discussion mainly centred on the conditions of the Inter-Club Reliability Championship. Several notices of motion relating to the matter were put down for discussion at the conference.

SWIMMING.

CLONTARF CHRISTMAS HANDICAP.

The annual handicap race promoted by the Clontarf Club will take place at the Clontarf Baths on Monday, at 12.30 p.m. Post entries from members of affiliated swimming and Rugby clubs will be accepted up to 12.15 p.m. No entry fee will be charged.

Mrs J. S. Brady, wife of the president of the club, has presented a cup to be awarded to the winner of the race.

BRAY S.C.

Christmas morning swim, 12.30, at new tank ("Jerry Dawson Cup"); Men's 44 yards handicap, and 44 yards ladies' handicap.

HALF MOON S.C.

Christmas Day, at 12.30—Annual race for the O'Connell prize.

SANDYCOVE S.C.

The annual Christmas Day race will take place at the Forty-foot at 12.15 p.m. sharp.

LONDON SLUM CLEARANCE.

PRINCE SELLS PART OF HIS ESTATES.

The Prince of Wales has sold a large portion of his Kennington estates to the London County Council to aid in a great scheme for London slum clearance.

The Oval cricket ground is unaffected by the scheme. It remains the property of the Duchy of Cornwall, with a lease that runs to 1953.

"A great gesture from the Duchy to help in slum clearance," was how a high official of the London County Council described the transaction yesterday.

"The Duchy of Cornwall has a policy of never selling," he explained to a reporter, "and the London County Council could not have approached the Duchy with a request to buy. The gesture came from the Prince as Duke of Cornwall. Without it we could never have made such a rapid start with the clearance scheme."

The whole area is to be cleared by the London County Council and used as a "decant" station, where people from the congested areas can be housed while rebuilding goes on.

THE KING'S CHRISTMAS BROADCAST.

PROCEEDS FOR PAPWORTH VILLAGE SETTLEMENT.

All profits from the sale of gramophone records which are to be made of the King's broadcast on Christmas Day are, by His Majesty's permission, to be devoted this year to Papworth Village Settlement. This institution, which has been described by Mr. Stanley Baldwin as "the most comprehensive scheme for fighting tuberculosis that could be found anywhere in the world," has been visited both by the King and Queen. The Queen has paid no fewer than three visits. The last occasion was a few months ago, when she inspected the improvements and additions which have been made to the institution.

The proceeds from the sale of the King's broadcast last Christmas were given to the British Wireless for the Blind Fund.

BELFAST PRISONERS RELEASED.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

BELFAST, Friday.

There was a sequel to the recent proceedings under the Civil Authorities (Special Powers) Act at the Belfast Custody Court to-day, before Mr. Toppin, R.M., when four men appeared and entered into bail to be of good behaviour for twelve calendar months and to abstain from all connection with the Irish Republican Army or kindred organisations. All four were released immediately.

THREE YEARS' PENAL SERVITUDE.

TYRONE BLACKMAILER SENTENCED.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

BELFAST, Friday.

At the Ulster Winter Assizes to-day, before Lord Justice Best, Peter Toner, residing at Derry, Coalisland, County Tyrone, found guilty of blackmail, was put forward.

Mr. William Boles, for accused man, said that the prisoner was only 21 years of age and that was the first charge against him. He admitted the gravity of the offence, but asked his lordship for leniency.

Lord Justice Best said that he was afraid he could not do anything of the kind. The prisoner had been found guilty of demanding money by menaces, and those menaces were contained in a letter written to Terence Moore, since deceased. In that letter prisoner made threats against Moore, threats of a most terrible character. It seemed pretty clear that there must have been some secret which the prisoner held over Moore's head from time to time, with the result that Moore committed suicide.

The offence of which the prisoner had been found guilty was punishable with penal servitude for life, so grave a view did the legislature take of the offence. Were it not for the fact that the prisoner was a young man, he would have sent him to penal servitude for a long term. He could not pass over a crime of that description. It was possible, with representation in the proper quarter, that his sentence would be reduced. Meanwhile he must show that the offence of blackmail would not be tolerated in Northern Ireland by passing sentence of three years' penal servitude.

Prisoner, who seemed stunned, was hurried below by a warder.

UNIVERSITY MEN AND INDUSTRIES.

THE GRADUATES' COMMITTEE.

The Graduates' Committee for furthering the claims of Irish graduates qualified for employment in Irish industrial concerns, which Convocation of the National University of Ireland authorised Dr. Drumm to form, has been provisionally constituted as follows:—

Chairman, James J. Drumm, D.Sc., Drum Battery Co., Ltd.; Professor J. J. Nolan, M.A., D.Sc., Professor of Experimental Physics, University College, Dublin; Professor T. J. Nolan, D.Sc., Professor of Chemistry, University College, Dublin; Professor T. Dillon, M.A., D.Sc., Professor of Chemistry, University College, Galway; Professor George O'Brien, D.Litt., Professor of Political Economy and National Economics of Ireland, University College, Dublin; T. Fitzpatrick, B.A., B.Comm., Managing Director, Wicklow Hills 'Buses; Denis Feighery, B.E., South of Ireland Asphalt Co., Ltd.; J. C. Flood, M.D., B.Comm.; Arthur Cox, M.A., Honorary Solicitor to Committee; W. J. Williams, M.A., Lecturer in Education, University College, Dublin, and Clerk of Convocation, National University of Ireland, hon. secretary to committee.

The following were co-opted to represent the Federation of Irish Industries:—Senator Douglas and Mr. Frank Hugh O'Donnell.

CONSPIRACY CHARGE.

ACCUSED MAN'S ALLEGATIONS.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

TRALEE, Friday.

When the case in which Paul Mahony, Castlemaine; Thomas Sugrue, Milltown; Denis and William Keating, Ballygamboon, are charged with unlawful assembly and conspiracy at Cromane on November 25, and with, while armed, robbing Michael Sugrue, Patrick Foley and Eugene Foley of three rifles and 35 rounds of ammunition, was called at Tralee District Court to-day Mr. Liston, State Solicitor, said that the depositions in this case already had been taken. On the last occasion he had suggested that if the guns were returned he would ask to have the charges reduced, so as to allow the cases to be dealt with summarily. That offer was made subject to the sanction of the Attorney-General, who consented when communicated with. The guns, however, had not been returned, and he would ask to have the accused men returned for trial.

Asked by the Justice if they wished to make any statement, one of the accused, Mahony, against the advice of his solicitor, Mr. Gerald Baily, said:—"I want to make a statement. The statement made in Milltown barrack was not made by me. I was taken from my home at 2.30 in the morning and taken to Castlemaine Water Bridge, and told I would be drowned if I did not say "Yes" to every question asked me. I was told if I did not say "Yes" to everything in the statement I would be drowned, or shot."

The District Justice wrote down what the accused man had said.

Mr. Bailey said that in view of Mahony's attitude he would withdraw from the case.

None of the other accused men made statements.

The Justice returned the four accused men for trial at Kerry Circuit Court, and fixed bails at £300 and two sureties of £150, which were forthcoming. He very much regretted that the accused men did not avail of the offer made them.

THE AMERICAN MARKETS.

TRADE REPORTS REACT FAVOURABLY: STOCKS CLOSE STRONG.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

NEW YORK, Friday.

Though a considerable amount of uncertainty prevailed on the Stock Exchange to-day sentiment showed a marked improvement. The undertone was very firm, and the general list finished 1 to 4 points higher after a turnover of 2,420,000 shares.

The tendency at the opening was strong. Business at the beginning was very active, with all groups showing a decidedly firm tone, and Mining shares particularly soaring spectacularly.

After the list had advanced 1 to 10 points profit-taking developed during the morning, causing recessions of fractions to 3 points. The fall was also due partly to sympathy with the reaction in Silver futures, which gave up 65 to 75 points of their early gains. On the other hand, several Industrial, Farm Implement, Mining and Chemical issues retained gains of 2 to 5.

Trading quietened down in the afternoon as further profit-taking developed. Moreover, in spite of the strength of some sections the Tobacco group broke badly, several shares falling 2 to 4 points.

The undertone strengthened in the late dealings, although there were a few soft spots. The market closed strong.

The break in Tobacco Stocks to-day was attributed partly to end-of-the-year selling, the decline in the production of cigarettes, and the likelihood of earnings showing a considerable decline.

The news that the Reconstruction Finance Corporation had increased its gold-buying fund to 100,000,000 dollars tended to confirm the belief that there would be no relaxation of the campaign to raise commodity prices.

This week's figures of freight-car loadings at 554,800 units were apparently discounted.

The Dun and Bradstreet Agency reported to-day that general business was reacting favourably to the stimulus of the recovery programme.

	Fri. Steady	Thur. Steady.
Call Money	—	—
Do. Do. Demand Bills		
Exchange on Lon.—60 days' sight	5 09 1/4	5.06 1/2
Cable Transfers	5.10 1/4	5.07 1/8
Do. Montreal	5.09 3/4	5.07 1/4
Exchange Paris cable	6.11 3/4	6.07

Eng. Parity	Stocks.	Closing Bid. Fri.	Thur.
53 9/16	Atchison, Topeka, Santa Fe	54 7/8	53 1/2
74	Do. Preferred	75 1/2	73 1/4
22 11/16	Baltimore and Ohio	23 1/8	22
12 1/2	Canadian Pacific (New Stock)	12 3/4	12 5/8
38 3/4	Chesapeake and Ohio Com.	39 1/2	38 5/8
4 5/16	Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul	4 3/8	4 1/8
6 15/16	Chicago and North-West	7 1/4	6 5/8
14 11/16	Erie Shares	15	14 1/4
15 11/16	Erie 1st Preferred	16	15 1/4
29 3/8	Illinois Central	30	28 5/8
48	Louisville and Nashville	49	48 7/8
2 7/8	Missouri Pacific	2 7/8	3
32 3/4	New York Central & Hudson R.	33 3/8	31 3/4
155 13/16	Norfolk and West Com.	159	157 1/2
22 5/16	Northern Pacific Com.	22 3/4	18 1/2
29 3/8	Pennsylvania Shares	30	29
41 3/16	Reading Shares	42	42 1/2
19 3/8	Southern Pacific	19 3/4	18 1/2
23 7/8	Southern Railway	24 3/8	23 1/2
109 1/4	Union Pacific	111 1/2	109 1/2
95 9/16	American Can. (New Stock)	97 1/2	93
45	American Smelting (New Stock)	45 7/8	39 3/4
14 5/8	Anaconda Copper	14 7/8	13 1/8
12 3/4	American Radiator	13	13
107 3/4	American Tel. and Tel.	109 7/8	109 7/8
35 5/8	Bethlehem Steel Com. Stock	36 3/8	34 3/4
19 3/8	Brazil Stab. 6 1/2 p.c. 1957	19 3/4	20
34 3/16	Consolidated Gas (New York)	34 7/8	35 1/8
18 3/8	General Electric (New Stock)	18 3/4	17 5/8
33 9/16	General Motors (New)	34 1/4	32 1/2
2 15/16	Inter. Mar. Marine Com. Certs.	3	3
21 7/16	International Nickel	21 7/8	21
20 1/4	Montgomery Ward	20 5/8	20 5/8
131 3/8	National Lead	133	130
12 1/2	North America Company	12 3/4	12 3/4
6 1/2	Radio Corporation	6 5/8	6 1/2
35 1/4	Royal Dutch Petroleum	36	35 7/8
21 9/16	Shell Transport and Trading	22	22
7 3/4	Shell Union Oil	7 7/8	7 5/8
15 1/16	U.S. Rubber	15 3/8	14 1/4
46 5/16	United States Steel Common	47 1/4	45 1/4
87 1/4	Do. Preferred	89	86 1/2
10 11/16	Brazilian Traction	10 7/8	11
27 15/16	Brit.-American Tobacco Coupon	28 1/2	28 3/8
5 5/8	Hydro. Electric	5 3/4	5 3/4
19	International Pet. Canada (New)	19 3/8	19 1/2
—	Silver Commercial Bars	44 1/4	43
	BONDS.		
118 9/16	U.K. 5 1/2% Bonds, 1937		
112	Do. Funding Loan 4%	121	123
99	U.S. Treasury 3 3/4% Bds., '46-56	114 1/4	113 1/4
74 1/8	7% German External Loan	101	101 1/16
97	Amer. S. Refining 5% '47	75 5/8	75 1/2
96 9/16	Bethlehem Steel 5% '42	99	98 3/4
53 7/16	Chile Copper 5% '47	98 1/2	96 1/8
		54 1/2	51

* Asked; † Ex div.; ‡ Ex interest; § Ex rights.

MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE.

Eng. quiv.	—	Closing Bid Fri.	Thur.
108 5/16	Bell Telephone Co. of Canada	110 1/2	111†
10 3/4	Brazilian T.L. and P. Co., Ltd.	11	11 1/8
21 13/16	British Columbia Power "A"	22 1/4	22
3 15/16	Do. "B"	4	4 1/8
5 3/4	Can. Car and Foundry Co.	5 7/8	5 5/8
10 3/4	Do. Preferred	11	11
15 15/16	Canadian Celanese Com.	16 1/4	16 1/4
100	Do. Do. Pref.	102	102
5 7/8	Canada Cement Co.	6	6 1/2
31 5/8	Do. Preferred	32	32
12 1/2	Canadian Pacific Railway	12 3/4	12 5/8
2 1/4	Canada Steamship Preferred	2 1/4	2 1/4
7 1/4	Cockshutt Plow Co.	7 3/8	7 1/2
133 3/8	Con. Mining and Smelting	133	127 1/2
25 1/2	Dominion Bridge Co., Ltd.	26	26
79 3/8	Dominion Glass Co., Ltd.	81	81
60 3/4	Dominion Textiles Co.	62	60
10 11/16	Hollinger Cons. Gold Mines	10 7/8	10 1/2
21 3/16	Inter. Nickel of Canada	21 5/8	20 7/8
4 5/16	Massey Harris Co.	4 1/4	4 1/4
32 7/8	Montreal Light, Heat	33 1/4	33 1/4
43 1/8	Do. Debs.	44	43 1/4
23 3/16	National Breweries, Ltd.	23 5/8	23 5/8
11 3/4	National Steel Car Corp.	12	12
172 1/2	Ogilvie Flour Mills Co., Ltd.	176	176†
7 3/8	Power Corporation of Canada	7 1/2	7 3/4
13 3/4	Quebec Power Corporation	14	14 1/2
16 3/16	Shawinigan Water	16 1/2	16 1/4
10 1/16	Southern Canada Power	10 1/4	10 1/2
27 1/16	Steel Co. of Canada	27 5/8	27 1/2
160 1/4	Bank Montreal	163 1/2	163
261 11/16	Bank Nova Scotia	267	267
125 7/16	Can. Bank Comm.	128	128
124 3/8	Royal Bank of Canada	127 1/2	127
	CURB PRICES.		
21 5/16	Distillers Corp. Seagrams, Ltd.	21 3/4	22
31 3/8	Dome Mines, Ltd.	32	31 1/4
46 5/16	Hiram Walker Gooderham and Worts, Ltd.	47 1/4	46
12 1/4	Imperial Oil, Ltd.	12 1/2	12 1/2
10 9/16	Imperial Tobacco Co. of Canada Ltd.		
18 7/8	International Petroleum	19 3/4	19 1/2
43 5/8	Lake Shore Mines, Ltd.	19 1/4	19 1/2
38 1/2	McIntyre Porcupine Mines	44 1/2	42 3/4
32 5/8	Noranda Mines, Ltd.	37 1/4	36 1/4
21 9/16	Bulolo Gold	33 1/4	33 1/4
17 5/8	Can. Indus. Alcohol Com.	22	21
16 15/16	Do. "B"	18	18 1/4
		17 1/4	17 1/8

* Asked; † Ex div.; ‡ Ex interest; § Ex rights.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKETS.

WHEAT firm, 1 1/2c. to 3 1/4c. up.

	To-day.	Prev. day
No. 2 Amber Durum, spot	—	—
No. 2 Mixed Durum, spot	—	—
No. 1 Northern Manitoba, spot, f.o.b. New York	—	—
No. 2 Hard Winter, spot	71 5/8	70 1/8
No. 2 Red Winter, spot	95 1/4	91 3/4
	95 1/4	91 3/4

MAIZE firm, 2 1/8c. higher.

	To-day	Prev. day
Western No. 2 Mixed, spot—Based on May option	58 7/8	56 3/4

OATS firm at 1 1/2c. gain. White clipped f.o.b. New York, 39 1/2.

RYE firmer, 1 3/8c. up. No. 2 spot, 51 1/8.

BARLEY firm, 2 3/8c. higher. American malting c.i.f. New York No. 2, 60 3/8.

FLOUR steady. Spring clears were quoted at 6.35 to 6.55.

LARD steady at 5 points rise. Prime Western steam, 5.25; Middle West, 5.10 to 5.20.

PETROLEUM steady.

Mid-Continent crude 33 to 33.9 per cent. Baume at well, 94 cents.

Pennsylvania crude in South-West Pennsylvania pipe lines (lower price), 192 cents.

Ditto (higher price), 212 cents.

COFFEE—

Closing options—

	Dec.	Jan.	Mar.	May	1934 July	Sept.
To-day	—	—	6.36	6.51	6.59	6.67
Prev. day	—	6.10	—	6.27	6.39	6.49	6.59

SUGAR on spot closed barely steady and 1 point lower. Developments in connection with silver induced covering and commission house buying on the futures market, but prices subsequently reacted partially under hedge selling. The market closed steady, with values 3 to 2 points higher. Approximate day's sales (futures)—26,000 tons.

Closing options—

	Dec.	Jan.	Mar.	May	1934 July	Sept.	Oct.
To-day	—	1.14	1.21	1.27	1.32	1.37	—
	Dec., 1934—1.42						
Prev. day	1.11	1.11	1.18	1.24	1.29	1.34	—
	Dec., 1934—1.40						

TALLOW steady. Spot extra loose, 2 7/8; spot special extra, 3 3/4; spot in tierces, 3 1/4.

COTTONSEED OIL—Futures closed firm, 10 to 17 points up. Prime summer yellow spot unquoted. Closing options—Dec. 4.15, Jan. 4.25, March 4.49, May 4.69.

SHELLAC—T.N., 17 1/4.

TURPENTINE—Spot 46 3/4; Savannah spot 41 3/4.

COTTON (New York)—Spot closed quiet and 25 points up at 10.25. Cotton (New Orleans)—Spot closed steady and 17 points higher at 10.06.

RUBBER steady, but quiet. First latex thin crepe spot, 10 1/8 buyers; smoked ribbed sheets spot, 9 5/8 buyers, 9 3/4 sellers.

COMMODITY EXCHANGE, INC.

TIN quiet at 70 points rise. Closing options—Dec. 52.40, March 52.90, May 53.30, July 53.70. American standard COPPER easy at 35 to 25 points loss. Closing options—Dec. 6.70, Jan. 6.75, March 6.95 to 7.00, May 7.07, July 7.27.

OUTSIDE MARKETS—Straits Tin firmer at 45 points gain. Spot and near by New York, 52.80. Future option—January, 52.95. Lead steady and unchanged. Spot New York, 4.15; spot East St. Louis, 4.05. Pig Iron steady at late rates. Eastern Pennsylvania, Northern 2x foundry, silicon 2.25-2.75, delivered New York, including freight rate, 20.77; Buffalo, silicon 1.75 to 2.25, delivered Boston, including freight rate, 19.00.

OUTSIDE U.S. MARKETS.

KANSAS CITY—Wheat firm; spot 2 1/4c. and futures 3 1/4c. to 2c. up. No. 2 hard winter spot, 80. Closing options—December, 74 1/4; May, 77 1/4.

ST. LOUIS—Wheat firm; spot 1 1/4c., futures 3 1/4c. to 3 1/4c. higher. No. 2 red winter spot, 84 1/4. Closing options—December, 81 1/4; May, 83 3/4.

MINNEAPOLIS—Wheat firm; spot 3 1/4c. and futures 3 1/4c. to 3 5/8c. dearer. No. 1 Northern spring spot, 82 1/4. Closing options—December, 77 1/4; May, 79 1/4. Barley firm at 2 1/4c. to 3c. gain. Closing options—December, 43 1/4; May, 46 1/4.

DULUTH—Linseed firm at 2 1/4c. advance. Closing options—December, 175; May, 178. Rye firm, 2c. up. Closing options—December, 55. Wheat firm at 2 1/4c. to 3 1/4c. rise. Closing options—December, 77 1/4; May, 79 1/4.

ARGENTINE GRAIN OPTIONS.

BUENOS AIRES.

WHEAT—Closing options—February, 5.75; March, 5.79; May, 5.84.

MAIZE—Closing options — January, 4.46; February, 4.52; March, 4.58.

LINSEED—Closing options — December unquoted; February, 11.96; May, 12.16.

ROSARIO.

WHEAT—Closing options — January, 5.63; February, 5.63.

MAIZE—Closing options — January, 4.28; February, 4.35.

LINSEED—Closing options — January, unquoted; February, 11.80.

WINNIPEG GRAINS.

WHEAT opened very steady at 1/4c. to 1/2c. gain. A fair export business, together with an accumulation of overnight buying orders, resulted in further improvement, while the strength of Chicago and the lighter marketings were additional bullish factors. The market closed firm at 1 1/4c. to 1 1/2c. rise. Opening options—December, 59 1/4; May, 63; July, 64. Closing options—December, 60 1/4; May, 63 3/4; July, 64 1/4. Oats firmer, 1/4c. to 1/2c. higher. Closing options—December, 29 1/4; May, 32 1/4; July, 33 1/4. Rye firmer at 1 1/4c. to 1 1/2c. rise. Closing options—December unquoted; May, 44 1/4; July, 45 1/4. Barley firm, 1 1/4c. to 1 1/2c. up. Closing options—December unquoted; May, 37 3/4; July, 38 3/8. Linseed firm at 2 3/4c. to 2 5/8c. gain. Closing options—December, 142 1/4; May, 144 1/4; July unquoted.

Wheat receipts (carlots)	To-day	Prev. day
No. 1 Northern	30	60
No. 2 Northern	26	67
No. 3 Northern	7	8
No. 4 Northern	2	18
Other grades	20	81
Total	85	234

CHICAGO MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Friday.

Bullish enthusiasm on the grain market to-day was induced by the Government's action in connection with silver, while the strength of outside markets, increased outside interest and unfavourable crop and weather advices from Europe were additional helpful influences. A partial reaction occurred under heavy professional selling and profit-taking, with considerable evening-up prior to the holiday in evidence. In the late trading, however, prices rallied sharply on covering by shorts, coupled with heavy absorption by commission houses. Wheat advanced on news of unfavourable climatic conditions in the South-West area, in sympathy with the firmness of the spot market and on absorption by Eastern connections. Maize values strengthened on a general buying movement, while a lightening of country offerings and the advance in wheat stimulated sentiment. Rye and Oats moved higher in sympathy with other cereals.

WHEAT opened firm at 3 1/4c. to 4 1/4c. advance. The close was firm, 3 1/8c. to 3 7/8c. higher.

	To-day	Prev. day
No. 2 Hard Winter, spot	—	—
No. 3 Hard Winter, spot	—	80 1/4

Futures—Opening options—

	Dec.	May	July
To-day	81 3/4	84	83 1/2
Prev. day	78 1/4	81 1/8	79 1/4

Futures—Closing options—

	Dec.	May	July
To-day	81 3/4	84 1/4	83 1/4
Prev. day	78 1/4	80 1/4	79 1/4

MAIZE opened firm at 2 1/8c. to 2c. rise. The close was firm, 2 3/8c. to 2c. dearer. The Spot No. 2 mixed Western unquoted.

Futures—Opening options—

	Dec.	May	July
To-day	—	50 1/4	52 1/2
Prev. day	—	48 1/4	49 7/8

Futures—Closing options—

	Dec.	May	July
To-day	44 1/2	50 1/4	52 1/2
Prev. day	42 1/2	48 3/8	50 1/2

OATS finished firm, 1 7/8c. to 2c. up.

Futures—Closing options—

	Dec.	May	July
To-day	33 3/4	37	35 3/4
Prev. day	31 3/8	35 1/8	33 3/8

RYE closed firm at 1 3/4c. to 1 7/8c. advance. No. 2 spot, 60 1/2.

Futures—Closing options—

	Dec.	May	July
To-day	—	57 3/8	59 3/8
Prev. day	51 1/4	55 7/8	57 3/4

BARLEY firm for May at 3c. rise. Futures—Closing options—December, 43 3/4; May, 49 3/4; July, unquoted.

PROVISIONS—Lard opened firm. The market moved in sympathy with grains, and the close was steady, with futures unchanged to 17 1/2 points rise. Spot finished 7 1/2 points higher. Prime Western steam spot, 4.52 1/2.

LARD—Closing options—

	Dec.	Jan.	1934 March	May
To-day	4.30	4.57 1/2	—	4.97 1/2
Prev. day	4.30	4.52 1/2	—	4.80

BACON closed steady, with dry-salted bellies unaltered to 2 1/2 points up. Fat backs advanced 12 1/2 points. Fat backs, 7.25. Dry-salted bellies (old contract)—Closing options—December, 4.50; January, 5.00; May, 5.50.

HOGS firm, with light kinds 20 to 5 points up and heavy sorts unchanged. Light-weight 3.10 to 3.35 and heavy-weight 2.90 to 3.25.

LORD INVERCLYDE'S PETITION.

DECREE OF DIVORCE GRANTED.

"I am very worried at the result, especially at this time," was the comment of "June" (Lady Inverclyde) when the first intimation of the result of the divorce case in which Lord Inverclyde's petition was successful was given to her at the Midland Hotel, Manchester, yesterday, by a reporter.

"I had no idea how it would go," she said, "but I did not think this would have happened."

She refused to discuss the matter further. "June" made her first appearance in pantomime last night, when she played the part of Cinderella in the pantomime at the Palace Theatre, Manchester.

Judgment in the case was delivered by Lord Fleming in the Court of Session at Edinburgh yesterday.

The petition was by Lord Inverclyde, of Castle Wemyss, Renfrewshire, against Lady Inverclyde ("June," the actress), whose address is given as Hertford street, London, and against Mathew Bartholomew Anthony Paanakker, as minuting defender. Mr. Paanakker's address was given as Rue du Ranelagh, Paris.

The ground of the action was alleged infidelity. It was averred that the alleged misconduct took place on various dates in September and October, 1932, in London. It was stated that six persons in all were engaged in keeping a watch on Lady Inverclyde. On some occasions there were as many as five at the same time, and there were never fewer than two.

Lord Fleming granted a decree of divorce. He also granted expenses to Lady Inverclyde, and found Paanakker liable for Lord Inverclyde's costs, and for the expenses which Lord Inverclyde had paid Lady Inverclyde.

[Unlike a decree *nisi* in the English courts, by which a divorce is not made absolute until after a period of six months, a decree granted in the Scottish courts becomes absolute at once. An appeal can, however, be lodged.]

June informed a reporter last night that she did not intend to appeal against the judgment.

"You can write *finis* to it," she said.

HEIR BORN TO THE THRONE OF JAPAN.

NATION WELCOMES LONG-AWAITED PRINCE.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

TOKYO, Saturday.

There was great rejoicing in Japan today when the news became known that at last an heir to the Throne had been born.

It was announced to-day that the Empress had given birth to a son. This is her fifth child, all the others having been daughters, who, by the law of Japan, are unable to succeed to the throne.

The boy will succeed his father as the 125th of an unbroken line of monarchs, reputed to date back to the seventh century before Christ.

The baby's three elder sisters are eight, four, and two years old, respectively. A fourth Princess died when barely six months old.

The Emperor Hirohito was born in April, 1901, and married Princess Nagako on January 26th, 1924.

Two blasts on a siren, each a minute long, announced the arrival of the long-awaited baby Prince.

McGUIRE'S COLLEGE.

Full work will be resumed in all Departments on FRIDAY, 29th DECEMBER. Prospectus free on application to the Secretary, 5 Gardiner's Row, Dublin.—(Advt.)

CHURCH SERVICES.

CHRISTMAS EVE.

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL.—To-day: 10 a.m. Psalms, 110, 111. Benedictus—39. Hymn, 105. 4 p.m., Carol Service. To-morrow, Holy Communion at 8 a.m.; also 9 a.m. (in Irish). 11.15, Matins. Psalms, 11, 12, 13. Te Deum and Jubilate, King in C. Anthem, "Rejoice in the Lord," Purcell. Hymn, 76, "On Jordan's bank." Preacher, the Rev. A. A. Luce, D.D., Prebendary of Monmohenock. 12.15 p.m., Holy Communion. 3.15 p.m. Decani Week. Psalm, 94. Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, Wood in C minor. 1st Anthem, "How far is it to Bethlehem?" Shaw. Hymn, 70, "Hark! tis the watchman's cry." 2nd Anthem, "The sorrows of death"... "The night is departing," Mendelssohn. Preacher, the Rev. A. A. Luce, D.D., Prebendary of Monmohenock. Concluding Voluntary—Christmastide, Harwood.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.—To-day—3, Evening Service, Steggall in B flat. Anthem, "O Saviour of the World" (Roberts). To-morrow—8, Holy Communion. 11, Matins, Processional Hymn, 69. Te Deum, Gray in D. Psalm, 11. Benedictus, Gray in D. Introit, "From the rising of the sun" (Ouseley). 11.40, Holy Communion, Lloyd in F. Preacher, Rev. Canon Oulton, B.D. Hymns, 74, 202. 3.30, Evensong. Processional Carol, IX. Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, Wood in E flat. Psalm, 45. Christmas Carols. Anthem, "Christmas Day" (Holst). Carol Hy., 631. Preacher, Rev. E. C. Hodges, B.D. Recessional Carol, XIV.

ST. MATTHIAS'S PARISH CHURCH.—11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; Canon Strong. 7, Evening Prayer and Carols.

ST. ANN'S CHURCH, Dawson street.—8, Holy Communion. 10 and 11.30, Rev. R. H. Dowse. 7, Carol Service.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, Clyde road.—8, Holy Communion. 11, Matins. Te Deum, Sullivan in D. Benedictus, Cobb in G; Rev. R. G. F. Jenkins. 12, Sung Eucharist, Missa de Angelis. 3.30, Children's Service. 6.30, Litany. 7, First Evensong of Christmas. Procession, Anthem and Carol. Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, Lyon in G; Rev. W. C. Simpson.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, Rathmines.—8, Holy Communion. 10 and 11.30, Rev. B. C. Waller. 3.30, Children's Service; Rev. W. C. Wisdom. 7, Carol Service.

CHRIST CHURCH, Leeson Park.—8 and 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Canon Hughes. Anthem, "For unto us" (Handel). 3.30, Children's Service. Carols. 7, Evening Prayer. Carols.

ST. COLUMBA'S CHURCH, Ranelagh.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. G. A. Lowe. 7, Carols. Evening Prayer.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.—8, Holy Communion. 10, Matins and Sermon. 11.30, Matins and Sermon. Te Deum, Hopkins in G. Benedictus, Chants. 12.30, Holy Communion. 4, Children's Carol Service. 6.15, Evensong (said). 7, Service of Carols, with Readings.

THE MAGDALEN CHURCH, Lower Leeson street (the Church's Ministry of Healing).—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Matins, Litany and Sermon; Rev. W. J. Mayne.

ST. KEVIN'S, S.C. road.—11.30, Holy Communion; Rev. Hugh Jordan. 7, Rev. R. Bird.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH.—11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; Rev. C. C. W. Duggan. 7, Rev. H. W. Donald.

MISSION TO THE ADULT DEAF AND DUMB (Gregg Hall).—3.30, Mr. V. J. Walker.

MOLYNEUX CHURCH, Bride street.—11.30 and 7, Rev. A. Morrow.

ST. CATHERINE'S.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. A. W. F. Orr. 7, Evening Prayer and Carols.

ST. VICTOR'S.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. W. R. A. Bond. 4, Young People's Service. 7, Evening Prayer and Carols.

ST. JUDE'S.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. J. B. Neligan. 2.30, Children's Carol Service. 7, Carol Service.

ST. MARY'S PARISH CHURCH.—10.15 and 7, Rev. Dr. Emerson.

ST. MARY'S CHAPEL OF EASE.—11.30, Rev. Dr. Emerson. 3.30, Children's Service.

CHURCH OF THE FEMALE ORPHAN HOUSE, North Circular road.—11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. 7, Carol Service.

ST. GEORGE'S PARISH CHURCH.—8, Holy Communion. 12, Morning Prayer and Litany; Rev. F. R. Alexander. 7, Evening Prayer and Carols.

ST. AIDAN'S CHURCH.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. K. D. B. Dobbs. 3.30, Children's Service. 7, Evening Prayer and Carols.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH.—11.30, Rev. G. S. Nowlan. 3.30, Children's Service. 7, Evening Prayer and Carols.

THE FREE CHURCH.—10.30, Rev. F. R. Alexander. 3.30, Children's Service. 7, Evening Prayer and Carols.

ST. WERBURGH'S PARISH CHURCH.—11.15, Rev. G. S. M'Phail. 3.30, Young People's Service; Rev. G. S. M'Phail. 7, Rev. W. J. M'Creery.

ST. MICHAN'S.—11.30, Holy Communion; Rev. G. D. Hobson.

ST. PAUL'S.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Canon E. J. Young. 7, Carol Service.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, Grangegorman.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Matins and Holy Communion (Choral); Rev. William Bell. 7, Evensong and Carols.

DRUMCONDRA CHURCH.—12, Rev. R. G. Perdue. 4, Children's Carol Service. 7, Carols.

NORTH STRAND CHURCH.—11.30, Rev. J. T. Cummins. 3.30, Children's Service. 7, Carols.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, Aungier street.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Litany. Rev. T. McCann. 3.30, Children's Service. 7, Evening Prayer. Carols.

ST. AUDOEN'S CHURCH, Cornmarket.—11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. Rev. W. P. Webb. 7, Evening Prayer. Carols.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH.—11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. Rev. T. H. Seale. 7, Carol Service.

ST. THOMAS'S.—8.15, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. Rev. W. H. Coulter. 7, Evening Prayer.

ST. BARNABAS'S.—8.15, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer. 4, Young People's Carol Service. 7, Evening Prayer.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.—11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. 7, Evening Prayer and Carol Service. Rev. R. Northridge.

ST. BRIGID'S, Stillorgan.—11.30, Holy Communion. Canon E. H. Lewis-Crosby. 4, Carol Service.

CHRIST CHURCH, Kingstown.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Matins and Sermon. Rev. G. Browne. 3.30, Children's Service. 7, Evensong and Carols.

TULLOW PARISH CHURCH, Carrickmines.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer. 6.30, Carols.

ST. PHILIP'S PARISH CHURCH, Temple road.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Service; Rev. J. Purser Shortt, B.D. 7, Carol Service.

ALL SAINTS', Raheny.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Service; Canon Drury. 6.30, Carol Service.

CLONTARF PARISH CHURCH.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Litany. Rev. Edward Moore. 3.30, Children's Service. 7, Evening Prayer and Carols.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, Newtown Park.—8, Holy Communion. 10, Half-hour Service. 11.30, Matins and Carols. 7, Evensong and Carols.

MARINERS' CHURCH, Kingstown.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Canon Chamberlain. 3.30, Children's Service. 7, Evensong and Carols.

KILLINEY.—8 and 11.30, Holy Communion. 3.30, Children's Carol and Gift Service. 6.30, Carol Service.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, Lucan.—8.30, Holy Communion. 11, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. 7, Carol Service.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, Crumlin.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer. 7, Evensong and Carols.

RATHFARNHAM PARISH CHURCH.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer. 3.30, Children's Service. 7, Evensong and Carols.

HAROLD'S CROSS PARISH CHURCH.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. Rev. H. W. Donald. 3.30, Young People's Service. 7, Carol Service.

ZION CHURCH, Rathgar.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. Alfred Sills. 3.30, Children's Carol Service. 7, Carol Service.

ST. PHILIP and ST. JAMES'S, Booterstown.—8.15, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. H. G. Forde. 3.30, Children's Service. 7, Carol Service.

DALKEY PARISH CHURCH.—8.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer. Rev. C. S. Collins. 7, Carol Service.

ST. PAUL'S, Glenageary.—11.30, Canon Hall. 3.30, Children's Carols. 6.30, Carol Service.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, Irishtown.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. Anthem, "Hark! what mean those holy voices"; Rev. R. E. Weir. 3, Children's Carol Service. 7, Carol Service.

CHRIST CHURCH, Blackrock.—10, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. Charles Dowse. 7, Evening Prayer and Carols.

ST. JOHN'S, Monkstown.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; Rev. E. W. Greening. 7, Evening Prayer and Christmas Carols.

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, Sandymount.—8 and 11.30, Holy Communion; no Children's Service. 6.30, Evensong. Sermons 11.30 and 6.30.

HOLY TRINITY PARISH CHURCH, Killiney.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Matins and Holy Communion. 7, Carol Service and Preparation for Christmas Communion.

MONKSTOWN PARISH CHURCH.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, the Rev. E. M. Bateman. 3.30, Young People's Christmas Carol Service. 7, Special Christmas Carol Service.

SANDFORD PARISH CHURCH.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. W. N. Harvey. 3.30—Children's Service. 7, Carol Service.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES.

ABBEY CHURCH, Rutland square.—11.45 and 7, Rev. J. C. Breakey.

ADELAIDE ROAD.—11.30 and 7, Very Rev. L. Hanna.

ST. ANDREW'S, Blackrock.—11.30 and 7, Rev. J. Snowdon.

ST. ANDREW'S, Bray.—11.30 and 7, Rev. Dr. R. J. McKee.

CLONTARF.—11.30, Very Rev. Dr. J. L. Morrow. 7, Christmas Carols.

DONORE.—11.30 and 7, Dr. McCullagh.

GREYSTONES.—11.30 and 7, Rev. R. K. Lyle.

HOWTH.—11.30, Rev. J. D. McCaughey.

KINGSTOWN.—11.30, Rev. J. S. Rutherford.

LUCAN.—11.30, Rev. A. Gailey.

MALAHIDE.—4, Rev. J. D. McCaughey.

ORMOND QUAY.—11.45 and 7, Rev. T. Byers.

RATHGAR (Christ Church).—11.30 and 7, Very Rev. Dr. J. J. Macaulay.

SANDYMOUNT.—11.30 and 7, Rev. J. S. Crockett.

SCOTS CHURCH.—11.45 and 7, Rev. A. H. Macpherson.

DUBLIN PRESBYTERY'S CITY MISSION.—Whitefriar street Hall, 6 1/2 Whitefriar street—3, Sabbath School. 4.30, Evangelistic Service, Mr. E. Logan (Carol Service).

NORTH STRAND HALL.—8.15, Evangelistic Service. Mr. McG. Byrne (Carol Service).

METHODIST CHURCHES.

THE METHODIST CENTENARY CHURCH, St. Stephen's Green.—11.30, Rev. W. S. Morris. 7, Rev. W. Moore Graham; Carol Service.

KINGSLAND PARK.—11.30, Rev. W. Moore Graham. 7, Rev. W. S. Morris.

DOLPHIN'S BARN.—11.30 and 7, Rev. S. G. McIntyre.

CHARLESTON ROAD.—11.30, Rev. R. Lee Cole. 7, Rev. W. H. Massey.

BRIGHTON ROAD, Rathgar.—11.30, Rev. W. H. Massey. 7, Rev. R. Lee Cole.

ABBEY STREET.—11.30, Mr. R. D. R. Gallagher. 7, Rev. John Bertenshaw.

CLONLIFFE.—11.30, Rev. Wm. Farrell; Carol Service. 7, Mr. R. D. Gallagher.

BLACKHALL PLACE.—11.30, Rev. John Bertenshaw. 7, Rev. Wm. Farrell.

INCHICORE.—11.30, Mr. George Willoughby, M.A. 7, Mr. G. Colls.

LUCAN.—11.30, Mr. George Reid.

DUBLIN CENTRAL MISSION, George's Hall.—11.30 and 7, Rev. J. W. McKinney. 4, Brotherhood; Mr. John Cochrane.

KINGSTOWN.—11.30, Rev. Dr. Park. 7, Mr. Frank MacDonald (Carol Service).

BLACKROCK.—11.30, Rev. Dr. Carrothers. 7, Rev. Dr. Carrothers (Carol Service).

DALKEY.—11.30, Rev. John Kells. 7, Rev. John Kells (Carol Service).

SUTTON.—11.30 and 7, Mr. R. F. T. Crook, M.A.

CLONTARF.—11.30 and 7, Rev. R. Brooke Morton.

SANDYMOUNT.—11.30 and 7, Rev. R. J. Elliott.

RINGSEND.—11.30 and 7, Rev. W. L. Conde.

OTHER CHURCHES AND HALLS.

MORAVIAN CHURCH, Lower Kevin Street.—11.30, Rev. H. Kunick.

KILMAINHAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.—11.30, Mr. T. P. O'Connor. 7, Mr. W. Mashin.

YORK STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.—11.30 and 7, Rev. Harold B. Mills.

BAPTIST CHAPEL, Harcourt Street.—11.30 and 7, Pastor L. E. Deens.

BAPTIST CHAPEL, Phibsborough.—11.30 and 7, Pastor R. Warke.

BAPTIST TABERNACLE, Kingstown.—11.30 and 7, Mr. A. W. Tweedall.

UNITARIAN CHURCH, Stephen's Green.—12 and 7, Rev. E. Savell Hicks, M.A.

MERRION HALL, Lower Merrion Street.—12 and 7, Mr. George T. Pinches.

GROSVENOR HALL, Rathgar.—10.15, Sunday School. 7, Mr. Raymond Stevenson.

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS.—Meetings for public worship: 6 Eustace Street, Dublin, 11 and 7.30. Monkstown, 11. Churchtown, 11. Bray, 11.30.

TAILORS' HALL.—3.15, Young People's Service, Mr. Percy Last. 7, Evangelistic Service, Mr. John Cochrane.

FAIRVIEW HALL.—12, Mr. S. Cochran. 7, Mr. T. R. Sparks.

NORTHUMBERLAND HALL, Kingstown.—3.15, Sunday School. 3.45, Young Men's Bible Class. 7, Mr. P. T. O'Conner.

S.D. ADVENTISTS, Deverell Hall, Deverell place, Lower Gardiner street.—7, "First and Second Advent"; G. W. Bailey (Pastor).

RANELAGH HALL, Lower Elmwood Avenue, Ranelagh.—4 and 7, Mr. Charles Wells (Belfast).

THE SALVATION ARMY, 13 Lower Abbey street.—To-day—8, Praise. To-morrow—11.15, Holiness. 3.30, Praise. 7.15, Carol Service. Special speakers and items by the Bell Ringers.

GILFORD HALL, Sandymount.—4, Mr. Kenny.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCHES.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, Dublin—Lower Baggot street (branch Church of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass.).—Services—To-morrow (Sunday), 11.30 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Sunday School, 11.30 a.m. Wednesday—Testimony Meeting, 8 p.m. Christian Science Reading Room, same address, open free to the public daily from 11 a.m.

SECOND CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, Dublin—Rathmines Park (branch Church of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass.).—Services—To-morrow (Sunday), 11.30 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Sunday School, 11.30 a.m. Wednesday—Testimony Meeting, 8 p.m. Christian Science Reading Room, Rathmines Park, open daily. Free to the public.

ST. ANNE'S CATHEDRAL, BELFAST.

Holy Communion, 8, 10.45 and 12.45. Matins, 11.30. Venite and Psalm 45 (New Irish Psalter); Te Deum and Benedictus (Chants); anthems, "Comfort ye," "Every valley" "And the glory" (Handel); hymns, 89, 85, 383; preacher, Rev. G. F. Craig, B.A. Carol Service, 3.30; Magnificat (Ireland in F); anthem, "Hallelujah" (Beethoven); hymn, 86. Second Evensong (Parochial), 7; Carols; preacher, the Dean.

CORK CATHEDRAL.

Holy Communion, 8. Matins, 10. Ordination Service, 11. Processional. "Mine eyes have seen the Glory" (Walford Davies). Communion Service (Stanford in B). Preacher, the Dean. Offertory Hymn, 252 (T.11). Communion Hymn 224. Children's Service, 3. Carol Service, 4. Evensong (Parochial), 7. Psalm 45. Hymns 76, 85. Carols.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS.

KINGSTOWN.—8.30, Gospel Service; Mr. George M'Donald.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL.—8 a.m., Holy Communion. 11.15 a.m., Matins. Tallis Responses. Venite—9. Psalms, 19, 85. Chants, 32, 33. Te Deum and Jubilate, Stanford in B flat. Processional Hymn, 84, "Hark the herald," "There were shepherds," Handel. Hymn, 86, "O come, all ye faithful." Preacher, the Dean. 12.15 p.m., Holy Communion (Choral). Kyrie, Credo, Sanctus, Gloria, Stanford in B flat. Christmas Offertory sentence. 3.15 p.m., Tallis Responses. Psalms, 110, 132. Chants, 8, 40. Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, Stanford in B flat. Processional Hymn, 86, "O come, all ye faithful." 1st Anthem, "Hallelujah," Beethoven. Hymn, 84, "Hark the Herald." 2nd Anthem, "There were shepherds"... "For, behold darkness," Handel. Concluding Voluntary—Overture, "Samson," Handel.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.—Christmas Day—11, Matins. Processional hymn, 84. Te Deum and Benedictus, King Hall in B flat. Psalms 19 85. Anthem, "There were Shepherds" (Handel). 11.40, Holy Communion (Brewer in E flat). Preacher, His Grace the Archbishop of Dublin. Hymns, 89, 347. 3.30, Evensong. Processional hymn, 86. Magn. and Nunc. Dimittis (Stanford in G). Psalms, 110, 132. Anthem, "There were Shepherds" (Handel). Hymn, 85. Offerings for poor of parishes near the Cathedral. Recessional hymn 88.

ST. MATTHIAS'S PARISH CHURCH.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; Canon Strong.

ST. ANN'S, Dawson street.—7, 8, 10, 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Canon J. W. Crozier.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, Clyde road—12 (midnight), Holy Communion. 7, 8, 9.15, Holy Communion. 11, Matins. Te Deum (Hopkins in G). Benedictus (Parry in D); Rev. W. C. Simpson. 12, Sung Eucharist. Procession and Anthem (Healy Willan and Tours in C). 4, Evensong. Procession, Anthem and Carols. Magnificat and Nunc. Dimittis (Noble in B minor).

DRUMCONDRA CHURCH.—8, 11 and 12, Holy Communion. 12, Rev. J. T. Cummins.

NORTH STRAND CHURCH.—7, 8, 10.30 and 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. R. K. W. Lowe.

CHURCH OF THE FEMALE ORPHAN HOUSE, N.C.R.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.

ST. WERBURGH'S PARISH CHURCH.—8 and 9, Holy Communion. 11.15, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; Rev. W. J. McCreery.

THE MAGDALEN CHURCH, Lower Leeson street (the Church's Ministry of Healing).—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Matins. 12, Holy Communion, Anthem and Sermon; Rev. W. J. Mayne.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, Rathmines.—7, 8, 10 and 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. J. Tobias.

CHRIST CHURCH, Leeson Park—7, 8, 9, 10, 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer; Canon Hughes. Anthem "There were Shepherds," "Glory to God" (Handel).

ST. COLUMBA'S CHURCH—7, 8, 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer; Rev. W. C. G. Proctor.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, Grangegorman.—7 and 8, Holy Communion. 11, Matins. 11.30, Sung Eucharist and Sermon; Rev. W. Bell. 4, Festival Evensong and Carols.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.—7, 8 and 10, Holy Communion. 11.30, Matins, Holy Communion and Sermon. Te Deum and Benedictus, Chants. Anthem, "There were shepherds" (Handel). 4, Evensong (said).

ST. GEORGE'S PARISH CHURCH.—7 and 8, Holy Communion. 12, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; Rev. K. D. B. Dobbs.

ST. AIDAN'S CHURCH.—8 and 10, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; Rev. E. H. F. Campbell.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH.—8 and 10, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; Rev. G. S. Nowlan.

THE FREE CHURCH.—8, Holy Communion. 10.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; Rev. F. R. Alexander.

MOLYNEUX CHURCH, Bride street.—8.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Service and Holy Communion; Rev. A. Morrow.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, Aungier street.—6.30 and 8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; Rev. W. P. Webb.

ST. AUDOEN'S CHURCH, Cornmarket.—9.15, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; Rev. G. McCann.

ST. JUDE'S.—8 and 10, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer, Holy Communion and Sermon.

ST. MARY'S PARISH CHURCH.—10.15, Rev. Dr. Emerson.

ST. MARY'S CHAPEL OF EASE.—8 and 11.30, Rev. Dr. Emerson.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; Rev. H. W. Donald.

ST. MICHAN'S.—8.30 and 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. G. D. Hobson.

ST. PAUL'S.—7, 8 and 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Canon E. J. Young.

ST. CATHERINE'S.—7 and 8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; Rev W. R. A. Bond.

ST. VICTOR'S.—7 and 8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; Rev A. W. F. Orr.

ST. THOMAS'S.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; Rev. J. Purser Shortt.

ST. BARNABAS'S.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; Canon J. T. Griffin.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH—8 and 10.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. Rev. R. Northridge.

SANDFORD PARISH CHURCH—7, 8 and 10 a.m., Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. Rev. W. N. Harvey.

ST. KEVIN'S, South Circular road—8, 10 and 11.30—Holy Communion. Rev. R. Bird.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. T. H. Seale.

CHRIST CHURCH, Kingstown.—7 and 8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Matins, Holy Communion and Sermon; Rev. N. H. Hamilton, M.A.

TULLOW PARISH CHURCH, Carrickmines.—8 and 11, Holy Communion.

HAROLD'S CROSS PARISH CHURCH—7, 8 and 10.15—Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.

ZION CHURCH, Rathgar—7, 8, 10 and 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. Canon L. Parkinson Hill.

ST. PAUL'S, Glenageary—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Canon Hall.

ST. PHILIP and ST. JAMES, Booterstown—7, 8, 10 and 11.30—Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. E. M. Bateman.

ST. BRIGID'S, Stillorgan—8.30 and 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Canon E. H. Lewis-Crosby.

KILLINEY—8 and 11.30—Holy Communion.

MONKSTOWN PARISH CHURCH—7.15, 8 and 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. The Rector.

ST. JOHN'S, Monkstown—7 and 8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. Canon Oulton.

HOLY TRINITY PARISH CHURCH, Killiney—8 and 9, Holy Communion. 11.30, Matins and Holy Communion. Offerings for Monkstown Protestant Orphan Society.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, Irishtown—7 and 8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. Anthem, "Sing, O Heavens." Rev. R. E. Weir.

CHRIST CHURCH, Blackrock.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; Rev. E. W. Greening.

ST. ANDREW'S, Malahide.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.

ST. DOULAGH'S, Malahide.—10, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.

ST. MARNOCK'S, Portmarnock.—10, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.

ST. PHILIP'S PARISH CHURCH, Temple road.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. Rev. W. H. Coulter.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, Crumlin.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30—Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.

CLONTARF PARISH CHURCH.—8, Holy Communion. 10, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. Canon Connell.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, Newtown Park.—7, Holy Communion. 8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Matins and Holy Communion.

RATHFARNHAM PARISH CHURCH.—7, 8, 10.15, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. St. Stephen's Day—11.30, Holy Communion. St. John's Day—11.30, Holy Communion.

DALKEY PARISH CHURCH.—7.30 and 8.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.

MARINERS' CHURCH, Kingstown.—7, 8, 10.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. Canon Chamberlain.

CHRIST CHURCH, Kingstown.—7 and 8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Matins, Holy Communion and Sermon; Rev. N. H. Hamilton, M.A.

ALL SAINTS', Raheny.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Matins and Holy Communion; Canon Drury.

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, Sandymount.—Midnight Eucharist, Communion and Procession. 8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Procession, Holy Eucharist and Sermon.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

ABBEY.—12, Rev. J. C. Breakey.

CLONTARF.—11, Very Rev. Dr. J. L. Morrow.

GREYSTONES.—11, Rev. R. K. Lyle.

KINGSTOWN.—11.30, Rev. J. S. Rutherford.

METHODIST CHURCHES.

BRIGHTON ROAD, Rathgar.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. R. Lee Cole.

CHARLESTON ROAD.—10.30, Rev. W. H. Massey.

CLONTARF.—11.30, Rev. R. Brooke Morton.

SANDYMOUNT.—11.30, Rev. R. J. Elliott.

KINGSTOWN.—10.30, Rev. James M. Alley.

BLACKROCK.—11, Rev. Dr. Carrothers.

DALKEY.—11.30, Rev. John Kells.

OTHER CHURCHES AND HALLS.

MERRION HALL.—12, Geo. T. Pinches.

THE SALVATION ARMY, 13 Lower Abbey street.—11, Morning Service.

CORK CATHEDRAL.

Holy Communion, 7 and 8 a.m. Matins and hymn, 86. Psalm, 19. Te Deum (Stanford in B flat). Communion Service, Stanford in B flat. Introit, "There were Shepherds" (Handel). Offertory hymn, 84. Communion hymn, 347. Preacher: The Bishop. Evensong (Choral), 4. Processional hymn, 84. Psalms, 110, 132. Service, Stanford in A. Anthems, "There were Shepherds," "Glory to God," "For unto us," "Hallelujah" (Handel).

THE PROPERTY MARKET.

ATTRACTION FOR INVESTORS.

BUSINESS PREMISES IN DEMAND.

Messrs. Battersby and Co., of 39 Westmoreland street, Dublin, whose experience of over a century in property dealing should enable them to form an accurate estimate, inform us that the market during 1933, though at times somewhat hesitant, did not reflect any appreciable decline in values—except perhaps in the case of the larger residential estates in the provinces, few of which changed hands. Owners of the latter were not willing to exchange at the price obtainable, and purchasers were equally careful not to incur avoidable commitments.

It may be said that the tale of depression, so frequently referred to in other spheres, was not so noticeable in the property market. Some classes of property even appreciated in value, such as ground rents and well-secured profit rents—particularly out of business places. Premises suitable for manufacturing business were also in increased demand, and at favourable rents and prices. In this latter connection it might be mentioned that the supply of suitable premises grows daily less, and the certainty of a steady demand appears probable.

THE CITY OF DUBLIN.

Of general interest is the market index as regards residential property in the City of Dublin and its suburbs. There is a general idea prevailing that, in view of the amount of building going on in all areas round the city, the supply must soon exceed the demand, with a consequent fall in prices. Careful observers, however, see no sign of saturation point being reached in the near future, and builders will visualise this sufficiently early to neutralise the anticipated decline. As regards residential property of from £800 to £2,000, the decline in value was scarcely appreciable as compared with previous years. Over this figure there was a decline of from five to ten per cent., except in the cases of residences with land attached suitable for building sites. In such cases prices, if anything, were enhanced, as the supply of suitable building land in the vicinity of the city steadily grows less, and in view of the price there is the attraction to utilise some of the larger properties near the city for this purpose. Many sales of this nature have gone through during the year.

The savings of many investors have found their way into two attractive national enterprises during the year—namely, the Fourth National Loan and the Dublin Corporation Loan. Investors with unallotted balances need feel no regrets, however, for house property is available at prices showing a return of 6 to 10 per cent., which should be satisfactory from the investor's point of view.

BUSINESS PREMISES.

Notwithstanding the somewhat general complaint of trade depression, there are few vacant business premises in Dublin at present, and the demand for such premises in good positions still maintain. Rents have, however, declined somewhat, due principally to the falling off in the demand for shops by cross-Channel firms, who hitherto were wont to open branch houses in Dublin. With the tariffs on most manufactured goods imported, however, this demand has fallen off. It is compensated for in other directions by the demand for manufacturing premises already referred to.

There was a very noticeable falling off in lettings for the hunting season as compared with previous years. This is probably due to a combination of economic and political circumstances, which appear to be so sufficiently known as not to need special reference.

A BUOYANT MARKET.

HOPES FOR 1934.

Mr. Albert MacArthur, Peace Commissioner, President of the Irish Auctioneers' Association, states that despite the prevailing world depression the property market in the Irish Free State was in a very flourishing condition. Thousands of new houses are being built and sold, and he said that this is but one of the tests of a man's faith in the future of his country and valuable asset to good citizenship. For the existing boom in building, great credit is undoubtedly due to the Dublin Corporation for the facilities afforded to the middle man by the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act. These Acts have undoubtedly opened a new sphere of life for many thousands of people who in the ordinary course of events would possibly never own their own homes. They are the indirect cause of the building of thousands of houses, thereby causing constant employment.

WHERE DEMAND EXCEEDS SUPPLY.

Owing to the present protective policy of the Free State Government many large and small firms have, in their own interest, opened factories here, giving a fillip to this particular branch of the business. The demand greatly exceeds the number of factories or sites in the market.

There is no indication of any undue falling-off in property values. In point of fact many hundreds of thousands of pounds worth of property have been sold by private treaty. "Under the hammer" still remains, as in years gone by, Dublin's favourite method of house property realisation, with good prices and spirited competition—as result. Numerous keen stock and share investors have sold out their share-holdings, and are investing their money in fee-simple ground rents—which are now obtaining as high as 20 years' purchase.

Free from all the fluctuations which mark the Stock Exchange, house property, with its steady revenue derivable, has long formed a favourite outlet for investors. A steady demand existed in 1933, and 1934 will, it is hoped, show an even larger body of people who look for their yearly income to money invested in both houses and cottages in good districts in and near the capital.

FEW VACANT SHOPS.

Business premises still continue to sell at good prices, notwithstanding the cry of bad trade heard now and then. The roll of vacant shops in our leading and side streets can compare favourably in number with any of the cities in England or Scotland. Another great asset in the buying of property is the up-to-date methods adopted by the leaders of the profession, who in most cases are established for a great number of years, and their advice and experience is at your disposal.

Mr. MacArthur expressed the opinion that 1934 will open with every prospect of a revival of business all round, and that the house property market—or, as it has been termed, "brick and mortar"—will continue in even greater volume to attract support from investors.

Financial News & Notes

TONE AND COMMENT

DUBLIN STEADY.

SHARP RISE IN CIVIL SERVICE BUILDERS.

Dublin Stock Exchange adjourned for the Christmas holiday till Wednesday next after a quiet, but steady session. The feature of the day was a rise of 5¼ points to 44 in Civil Service Builders on the good report and the increased bonus.

Free State Funds were fairly steady, with the new Fourth Loan bid for at 98, and instalments again dealt in at 30. Land Bonds were easier, and War Loan dropped back under 101.

Among Banks, Hibernians rose 1/16 to 10, and Munster and Leinster and Nationals were unchanged.

Great Northern Ord. fell 1⅞ to 5 and Dublin Tram Pref. repeated 11. Guinness gained 4½d. at 101s. Alliance Gas again closed at 13. Boland's Pref. rose ⅛ to 10⅝, but the Debs. lost ⅜ at 10. Goulding issues were active, the Ord. rising a shilling, the Pref. sevenpence, and the Debs. 1s. 8d. Yam Seng Rubber improved to 1s. 7½d.

The Industrial section, including "other business done," was quite firm. B.A.T. rose 1s. 9d. to 113s. 9d., and Imperial Tobacco was threepence better at 112s. 3d.

LONDON STEADY.

GOLD SHARES IN REQUEST.

The volume of trading passing in the London Stock markets yesterday naturally was on a very restricted scale, but a steady to firm tone prevailed, and the bulk of the few movements resulting at the close were in the right direction, a few of them being of fairly substantial amounts. Electrical and Musical Industries were an especially firm market on the announcement that the directors have decided to pay the arrears of Pref. dividends for the eighteen months to June 30, and also the dividend for the current half-year. The dividends will be paid on January 15th.

Decidedly quieter conditions developed among British Funds, yet higher levels recently attained in this department were for the most part well maintained. There was also very little business passing among

VALUE OF THE £.

	Friday.	Thursday.	Per Cent. of Parity.
New York	5.10½*	5.08	104.8
Montreal	5.09	5.07	104.7
Amsterdam	8.14½	8.16	67.3
Berlin	13.72	13.72½	67.2
Brussels	23.56	23.60	67.3
Copenhagen	22.40	22.40	123.4
Geneva	16.93	16.97	67.1
Madrid	39 13/16	40	158.3
Milan	62 7/16	62½	67.5
Oslo	19.90	19.90	109.6
Paris	83 11/16	83 11/16	67.2
Stockholm	19.39	19.39	106.8

*Close in New York, 5.10¼.

Foreign Government Stocks, but here again a generally steady to firm tone was preserved. Brazilians went the turn firmer in several instances, and Chinese descriptions well maintained the higher levels returned on Thursday. German Bonds, on the other hand, were not quite so firm, the Sevens finishing ½ easier at 85½, while French Fours at 22⅜ were ⅛ down. Otherwise quotations repeated their previous levels.

Dealings in British Rails were again confined to narrow limits, but a rather firmer tendency was apparent, and quotations were again put fractionally harder. Colonial and Foreign Rails also made a firm showing.

Although trading in the Industrial section was on only a moderate scale, a generally cheerful tendency prevailed. A good feature was a demand for the leading Brewery shares, while E.M.I. and "Ekcos" were good markets on the dividend announcements. British Oxygen and Imperial Airways were other good markets, while the trans-Atlantic descriptions hardened. In other directions, Rubber and Tea shares disclosed a firmer appearance, the latter especially scoring some substantial advances. Oil shares attracted little attention, but generally preserved a steady appearance, while, among Mines, Kaffirs closed on a firm note.

DEALINGS IN LONDON MARKET.

The following dealings among active Stocks and Shares were "marked" in London yesterday:—

Consols—73⅞, 15/16, 4, 1/16, ⅛. **3½ p.c. War Loan**—101, 1/16, ⅛, 3/32, *1/16. **Funding Loan**—111⅞, 11/16, ⅝, 13/16, ¾, 12. **Conversion Loan 3½ p.c.**—101 11/16, ¾, 13/16, *11/16, ½. **4 p.c. Consols**—110 11/16, ¾, ⅝, 13/16, *¾. **Allied Newspapers Ord.**—19/-, 3d., 18/9. **Amalgamated Press**—18/9. **Anglo-Dutch Rubber**—18/4½, 9d., 6d., 7½d., 10½d. **Associated Cement**—29/3, 9d., 4½d. **Brazilian Traction**—11, 1/16, ⅛, 3/16. **British-American Tobacco**—5¾, 11/16, 23/32, *¾. **British Celanese**—13/6, 7½d. **British Match Ord.**—34/3. **British Oil and Cake**—42/-, 4½d., 3d., *1/-, 9d. **Buenos Ayres Great Southern**—29, ½, ¾, ⅞, 9¼. **Cables and Wireless "A"**—*23¼, ⅝, ¾, ⅜, ½; **do. "B"**—10, 1/16, ⅜, *10; **do. 5½ p.c. Pref.**—*73, ⅜, ¼, ½, 3. **Calico Printers**—12/10½, 6d. **Canadian Pacific**—12 9/16, ¾, ⅝, 11/16. **Carreras**—8½, 15/32, 17/32. **Coats**—62/-, 3d., 4½d., 6d. **Courtaulds**—43/6, 10½d., 9d., 7½d., *7½d., 4/-, 1½d. **Crown Mines**—9 7/16, 15/32, *5/16. **Cunard Ord.**—8/-, 7/9. **Daily Mail Trust**—43/10½, 4/1½, 3d. **Daily Mirror Ord.**—*14/3, 6d., 7½d., 4½d., 3d. **Dunlop Ord.**—38/10½, 9/-, 1½d., 8/9, *7½d. **Dunlop Plantations**—25/6, 7½d., 1½d. **East Asiatic Rubber**—2/1. **Electric and Musical Ord.**—15/6, 3d., 7½d., 16/3, 4½d.; **do. Pref.**—23/3, 4½d., 1½d., 3/-, 9d. **Ford Motors**—21/10½, 9d., 2/-, 1½d. **Gallaher Ord.**—51/3. **General Electric**—42/9, 10½d., 7½d. **Grand Central Rubber**—13/3. **Great Western Rail**—54¾, ⅝, ⅞, ½, 9/16; **do. 5 p.c. Pref.**—109¼, ⅝, ⅞, 10, ½. **Guinness Ord.**—100/-, 10½d., 6d., 3d. **Harrods Ord.**—69/-, 6d. **Highlands Rubber**—21/1½. **Hudson's Bay Ord.**—22/9, 6d., 10½d. **Hungarian 7½ p.c., 1924**—41½. **Imperial Airways**—38/9, 7½d., 9/-, 3d., 9d. **Imperial Chemical Ord.**—31/10½, 9d., 2/-; **do. Def.**—8/9, 10½d., 7½d., *9d., 9/-. **Imperial Tobacco**—5 19/32, £5 10/6, £5 12/-. **International Holdings**—1 9/16, ⅝. **International Nickel (dols.)**—21, 1/16, 3/16, ⅛, ¼, 20 15/16, *1⅛, ½, ⅜. **L.P.T.B. 5 p.c. "A"**—124¾, ¼; **do. 4½ p.c. "A"**—115 3/16, *14½; **do. 5 p.c. "B"**—120, 1½, *19½; **do. "C"**—84¾, ⅛, ¼, 5/16, ⅞, *4, 5. **Lever 7 p.c. Pref.**—27/10½, 8/-, 1½d. **London, Midland and Scottish Ord.**—25¼, ⅜, 3/16, 4⅞, ¾, *5, ⅛. **London and N.E. Pref.-Ord.**—*20⅞, 1½, 3/16, *⅛, ⅝; **do. Def.-Ord.**—10, 1/16, ⅛, *9⅞, *¾. **Marconi Marine**—30/-, 29/7½; **do. Canada**—8/7½, 9d. **Maypole Def.**—3/-. **Peruvian Corp. Pref.**—8¼. **Phillips (Godfrey) Ord.**—24/-, 1½d., 3d. **P. and O. 5 p.c. Deferred**—18/6, 1½d., 3d. **Prov. Cinema Theatres** (x.d.)—23/10½. **Rand Mines**—5⅝, *19/32. **Roan Antelope**—25/9, 6d. **Rubber Trust**—25/4½, *10½d., 7½d. **Selfridge Trust**—*8/9. **Southern Rail Pref.-Ord.**—64, 3¼, ⅞, *¾, ½; **do. Def.-Ord.** 19¾, *⅝, ⅞, 20, ⅛, 1/16. **Sunday Pictorial Ord.**—41/4½. **Swedish Match "B"**—9/-, 3d. **Tobacco Securities Ord.** (x.d.)—90/-, 1/3; **do. Def.** (x.d.)—5⅝, 9/32, 5/16. **United Dairies**—55/9, 7½d. **Unilever Ord.**—25/9, 10½d., *7½d., 6/-; **do. N.V.**—26/9, 7/-. **United Molasses**—15/-, 1½d., 3d. **Vickers**—9/-, 8/10½. **Vine Products**—12/7½, 4½d., 6d. **Watney Combe Def.**—56/-, 3d., 5/9. **Westminster Bank**—82/6, 10½d., 7½d., 3/-, *3/-. **White Star Pref.** (x.d.)—3/3, 1½d. **Woolworth Ord.**—96/-, 1½d., 3d., *5/6, 6d.; **do. Pref.**—27/10½, 8/-.

(* Exceptional bargain at special price.)

PRICES OF RECENT ISSUES.

Australia 3¾ p.c.—1⁄4-3⁄8 prem.
India 3½ p.c.—1⅛-⅞ dis.
North-Eastern Elect. 3½ p.c. Deb.—1-1¼ prem.
Ranks—15/6-16/-; do. Pref. (f.p.)—25/4½-10½d.
Scottish Power New 6 p.c. Pref.—4/6-9d. prem.

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London Day-to-Day Loans	½-¾	p.c.
London Fine 3-Months' Bills	1 1/16	p.c.

THE INDUSTRIAL MARKET.

TEXTILES FAVOURED.

As was only to be expected on the eve of the holiday, trading in the Industrial Market yesterday slackened somewhat. However, the general tone continued cheerful, and a fair turnover was recorded in some of the leading home descriptions.

Most of the interest in the trans-Atlantic counters centred on Nickels, which, on encouraging reports from Wall Street, rose at one time to 21 7/16. Some profit-taking occurred in the late dealings, and they eventually finished at 21¼, showing a net gain of ⅛. "Emmies" were well supported, and finished around the best with an advance of 1s. 4½d. to 16s. 9d.

Cables and Wireless stocks opened fractionally higher, but a few scattered sales towards the close left them unchanged on the day. Aircraft and kindred descriptions continued to receive attention, and generally moved to higher levels. Fairey Aviation, following the publication of the report, fell to 24s. 6d., but they came into renewed demand later, and finished with an improvement of 6d. on balance at 26s.

In the Motor group movements were small.

Firmness continued to be displayed by Iron, Coal and Steel shares.

The festive season brought in fresh buyers for the leading Brewery issues. Allsopps were prominent with an advance of 1s. to 34s. 6d., and further inquiries were received for Courage, Bass, Guinness, Ind Coope, Threlfalls, and South African Breweries Ord., the last-named closing 9d. higher at 76s. 3d.

Among Distillery issues Booths attracted attention, and rose to 22s. Distillers held at 81s., with Vancouvers the turn harder at 11s.

Tobaccos moved within narrow limits, and showed little variation on the day. Carreras "A" closed buyers around 8½. "Bats" were well maintained at 5 23/32, but "Imps" lost the turn at 111s. 9d.

Improvement occurred in Textile issues. J. and P. Coats were good, advancing 7½d. to 62s. 10½d. English Sewing Cottons were 6d. up at 42s. Bleachers rose a further 7½d. to 12s. 1½d., and smaller improvements were frequent.

Courtaulds returned to favour among Rayon descriptions, being eventually 7½d. higher at 43s. 10½d., after touching 44s., and British Enkas were firmer at 9s. 6d. No quotable movements occurred in British Celanese Ordinary and Preferences, but Cellulose Acetate Ordinary were favoured, advancing to 21s. 4½d., and the Deferred gained the turn at 7s. 3d. American Celanese were looking steadier, helped by the better tendency in New York, the price being finally ¼ higher at 7.

Shipping descriptions ruled quietly steady, with some inquiry noticeable for African Steamship 6 per cent. Debentures, business being recorded up to 29. P. and O. Deferred and Furness Withy closed slightly harder.

Movements among Miscellaneous shares were again mostly to higher levels, several noticeably firm spots being seen. Joseph Lucas found a steady demand, advancing 1s. 1½d. to 59s., and Triplex Glass at 80s. were finally another 6d. higher. Turner and Newalls remained in favour, being eventually another 9d. to the good at 41s. 6d. Dunlops at 39s. and Imperial Chemical Ordinary at 32s. also closed with some improvement.

OIL SHARES FIRM.

Dealers in the Oil Share Market expressed satisfaction at the volume of transactions yesterday, which was in excess of what had been anticipated on the eve of the Christmas holidays.

Advices received overnight from New York were helpful, several of the leading American Oil stocks having improved on Thursday. There was never any selling pressure, orders reaching the market being almost entirely in the nature of purchases. Although business dwindled in the afternoon, and members indulged in skylarking, the early firmness was well maintained, and price changes, without exception, were in favour of holders.

RUBBER SHARES STEADY.

Trading in the Rubber share market yesterday remained on an extremely narrow scale, but a steady to firm tone prevailed, the slight improvement recorded in raw material values exercising a beneficial influence. Quiet conditions pervaded the raw material department, but towards the close a rather firmer tendency became apparent. Spot and January sold from 4⅛d. to 4 3/16d. per lb., with February improving from 4 3/16d. to 4¼d. per lb., and April to June from 4¼d. to 4 5/16d. per lb. It is expected that London stocks of rubber will show a reduction of about 300 tons on the week, whilst Liverpool stocks may be something like 700 tons lower.

MOTORS AND TEXTILES.

BIRMINGHAM.

Movements smaller, but business good. Triumphs strengthened as a result of the annual meeting. Dennis, Enfields and Singers better. Standards relapsed. Dunlops bought.

Austins	65/4½	Lucas	58/9
Do. Prefd.	27/-	Rileys	53/-
Dennis	24/-	Rolls	77/9
Enfields	21/9	Rovers	6/1½
Fords	21/10½	Singers	14/4½
Bluemels	26/6	Standards	43/-
Guys	3/9	Triumphs	8/-
Humbers	9/7½	Dunlops	39/-
Leylands	34/9		

MANCHESTER.

Textiles firm and rather more active. Bleachers and Spinners shade higher.

Bleachers, 11/9-12/3	Courtaulds, 43/6-44/-
Calicos, 12/-12/6	Dunlops, 38/9-39/3
Dyers, 16/-16/6	Turner & Newall, 40/9-41/-
Cottons, 41/-41/6	
Spinners, 14/3-14/9	Wall Paper Def., 52/-53/-
"Slubbers," 5/9-6/-	
Coats, 61/9-62/3	A. & S. Henry, 11/3-11/9
Velvets, 12/6-13/6	

DUBLIN SHIPPING REPORT.

Barometer, at 5 p.m.—30.30.

Wind and weather, do.—Wind, light and variable; light haze.

Foreign Arrivals—City of Antwerp, of Dublin (555 tons), Captain Bryan, from Antwerp, via Belfast, with general cargo. Thelma, of Glasgow (903 tons), Captain Rattray, from Sundsvall, with timber.

Coastwise Arrivals—Lady Connaught, from Liverpool, with passengers and goods; Slieve Bawn, from Holyhead, with goods; Lady Louth, from Liverpool, with goods; Portway, from Manchester, with gas oil; Sybil Mary, from Bangor, with slates; Elmfield, from Ardrossan, with coals; Aspen, from Newport, with coals; Morion, from Ayr, with coals; St. Fintan, from Garston, with coals; Glencullen, from Ardrossan, with coals.

LATEST CLOSING AND STREET PRICES.

BRITISH FUNDS, ETC.

—	Closing.		Rise or fall
Consols 2½%	73 15/16	74 1/16	
Do. 4%	110 9/16	110 13/16	
3½% War Loan	101 1/16	101 3/16	
Funding Loan	111⅝	111⅞	
Victory Bonds	110 7/16	110 11/16	-1/16
3% Conversion Loan	98 7/16	98 11/16	
3½% Conversion Loan	101⅝	101⅞	
4½% Conversion Loan	108½	108¾	
5% Conversion Loan	116 5/16	116 7/16	-1/16
2¾% Irish Land Stock 1903	77	79	
Irish Free State 4½% Land Bonds	108	108*	
India 3%	73½	74½	
Do. 3½%	86¼	87¼	
Do. 4½%	107½	108¼	
Do. 5½%	106½	107½*	
Local Loans	86 1/16	87 5/16	-1/16
Sudan 5½%	113	115*	

PUBLIC BOARDS STOCKS.

Cent. El. Bd. 4% 1935-59	103	105	
Do. 5% 1950-70	112	114	
Do. 4½% 1951-73	105	107*	
Do. 5% 1955-75	113	115	
Do. 4½% 1957-82	108½	110½	
Metro. Water 3 p.c. (a)	87	89	

DOMINION AND COLONIAL STOCKS.

Australian Com. 5 p.c. 1931-45	102¼	102¾	
Do. do. 5 p.c. 1945-75	107¾	108¼	
Do. do. 4 p.c. 1943-48	101	103	
British Columbia 4½ p.c., 1941	97	100	
Canada 4 p.c., 1940-60	102	104	
Do. 4 p.c. 1953-58	104	106	
Cape 3½ p.c. Cons.	100	102	
Ceylon 6 p.c.	107	109	
N.S.W. 5 p.c., 1945-65	103¾	104¼	
Do. 4 p.c., 1942-62	98	101*	
Do. 4½ p.c., 1935-45	100	102*	
New Zealand 5 p.c. 1936-51	107	109	
Do. 5 p.c., 1935-45	101	103*	
Nigeria 6 p.c.	124	126	
Queensland 5 p.c., 1940-60	107	107½	
South African 4 p.c., 1943-63	104	106	
Do. 5 p.c., 1945-75	111	113*	
South Australian 5 p.c., 1932-42	101⅜	101⅞	
Do. 4 p.c., 1940-60	99	101*	
Victoria 4 p.c., 1940-60	100	102	
Do. 5 p.c., 1945-75	107	109*	
Western Australian 5 p.c., 1945-75	109¾	110¼	
Do. 4 p.c., 1942-62	99	101*	

BANKS.

Anglo-South American (£10) £5 paid	5⅛	4⅝ dis	
Bank of Australasia	9⅞	10⅜	
Bank of England	345	347	
Bank of Montreal	30	34	-2
Bank of New South Wales	27½	29½*	
Bank of New Zealand	2¼	2½	
Barclay's "A" Shares	10	10¼	
British Overseas	4⅝	4⅞*	
Canadian of Commerce	23	27	-2
Chartered of India	14¼	15¼	
Hong Kong and Shanghai	130	134	
Lloyds	54/0	56/0	
London and S. American	3/16	5/16	
Martins, £20 (£2/10 paid)	7 1/16	7 11/16	+1/16
Midland	9⅛	9⅜	
National Discount "B"	11 13/16	12 5/16	
National Provincial (£4 pd.)	13½	13¾	+⅛
Royal of Canada	23	27	-½
Standard of South Africa	11⅞	12⅜	
Union of Australia	8¼	8¾	
Westminster Bank (£1)	82/6	83/6	+0/6

FOREIGN BONDS.
M.U.—Dec. 18.

M.U.				
89½	Argentine 4 p.c. Rescn	89	90	
103½	Austrian 6 p.c. Guar.	103	104	
—	Do. 3½ Guar. Stg. Bonds	100½	101½	
112¼	Belgian 7 p.c.	112	113	
39¼	Brazil 6½ p.c. S. Bds. 27	39¼	40¾	+¼
88	Do. 5 p.c. Funding	88	89	
70	Do. 5 p.c. do., 1914	72¼	73¼	+½
100	Chinese 4½ p.c., 1898	100	101	
58	Do. 5 p.c., 1912	58	59	
89	Do. 5 p.c. Reorg. 1913	89	90	+¼
94	Chinese Imp. Ry. 5% Gold	93	95	
51½	Do. Shanghai-Nanking 5 p.c.	50	53	
17	Do. Tientsin Pukow 5 p.c.	14	19	
101	Czecho-Slovakia Bonds	100½	101½	
103½	Egyptian Unified	104	105	
22¾	French Loan 4 p.c.	22½	22¾	-⅛
83	German 7 p.c.	85	86	-½
58½	Do. 5½ p.c.	61½	62½	
—	Do. Polish 7 p.c.	89	90	-½
38½	Greek 7 p.c. (1924)	38	40	
31	Do. 6 p.c. Stabs.	29	32	
30	Do. 5 p.c. (1914)	28	31	
36	Italian Rentes	35	38	
87¼	Japan 6 p.c., 1924	87½	88½	
82¼	Do. 5½ p.c. Conversion	82	83	
9	Mexican 5 p.c., '99	7	9	-1
9	Do. 6 p.c. 10-Y. Treas	7	9	-1
40	Peru 7½ p.c. Guano	38	42*	
2¼	Peruvian Corporation	2	2½	
8¼	Do. Pref.	7¾	8¼	
32	Do. Debs.	31	33	
81	Poland 7 p.c. Sterling	81½	82½	
65	Portuguese 3 p.c.	66	67	
—	Spanish 4 p.c.	70	75	
7	Turkish Unified	6½	7½	

BRITISH RAILS.

M.U.				
54	Great Western	54	55	
—	Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	107	109	
24	Ldn., Mid. & Scot. Ord.	25	25½	+¼
—	Do. 4 p.c. Pref.	69	71	
—	Do. 5 p.c. Red. Pref.	90	93	
—	Do. 4 p.c. Pref., 1923	44	46	
20¼	Ldn., North-East. 5 p.c. Pref.-Ord.	21¼	21¾	+¼
9½	Do. Def.-Ord.	9¾	10¼	+½
—	Do. 4 p.c. 1st Pref.	63	65	+½
—	Do. 4 p.c. 2nd Pref.	37	39	+½
—	Lond. Trans. 5 p.c. "A"	124	126	+½
—	Do. 4½ p.c. "A"	114½	116½	+½
—	Do. "B"	120	122	+1
—	Do. "C"	84¼	85¼	
63	Southern Pref.-Ord.	63½	64½	+½
18¾	Do. Def.-Ord.	19¾	20¼	+¼
100½	Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	106	108	

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN RAILS.

M.U.				
18	Antofagasta Ord.	17½	19½	
15	Argentine G.W. Ord.	10	13	
—	Bahia Blanca Guar. Stk.	63	67	
28½	Buenos Ayres Gt. Sthn.	29	31	+1
12	Buenos Ayres & Pacific	12	14	+1
22	Buenos Ayres and W.	23	25	+1
—	Canadian National Guar.	78	81*	
12¾	Canadian Pacific ($25)	12⅝	12¾	+¼
18	Central Argentine Ord.	18	20	
11	Do. Def.	11	14	+1½
12	Central Uruguay Ord.	11	14	
4½	Cordoba Central New	3½	5½	
—	Do. 1st Deb.	20	22	
7½	Do. 2nd Deb	7	9	
12½	Entre Rios	12	15	+1
—	Do. 6 p.c. Cum. Pref.	19	22	+1
—	Grand Trunk 4 p.c. Guar.	95	98*	
—	Do. 4 p.c. Perp. Deb.	96	99*	
—	Internl. of Cent. America	2½	4½	
11	Leopoldina	10½	12½	+½
45/0	Mexican Rails	2	3	
75/0	Do. 8 p.c. Pref.	3¼	4¼	
45/0	Do. 6 p.c. Pref.	2	3	
79	San Paulo Ord.	77	82	
4	United Havana	3	5	

AMERICAN RAILS.

M.U.				
—	Atchison	50	55	
—	Chicago, Milwaukee New	4	5	
—	New York Central	30	35	
—	Pennsylvania	27	32	
23½	Southern Common	22	27	
—	Southern Pacific	17	22	
108½	Union Pacific	106	111	+1

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES.
M.U.—Dec. 18.

M.U.				
32/6	Allsopp £1 Shares	34/0	35/0	+1/0
87/0	Bass, Ratcliff Ord.	88/6	89/6	
11/0	Brewers of Vancouver	10/9	11/3	+0/1½
10/7½	City of London Def. (5/-)	10/4½	10/10½	
63/0	Courage Ord.	63/9	64/9	+0/3
80/9	Distillers Ord.	80/6	81/6	
98/6	Guinness Ord. (£1 units)	99/6	101/6	+0/6
85/6	Ind Coope Ord.	84/6	85/6*	+0/6
72/6	South African Breweries	75/3	77/3	+0/9
—	Walker (John) Pref.	29/0	30/0	
14/6	Walker (P.) & R. Cain Or.	14/0	15/0	
55/0	Watney Combe Def.	55/9	56/9	

DRAPERY AND STORES.

M.U.				
69/9	Barker (John)	70/0	71/0	
5/9	Cook, Son and Co.	5/3	5/9	
—	Gamage (A. W.)	13/3	13/9	
68/0	Harrod's Stores	68/9	69/9	+0/3
6/0	Harrod's (B.A.)	5/9	6/3	
26/0	Maple and Son	26/0	27/0	
9 9/16	Marks & Spencer (10/-)	9 11/16	9 13/16*	
—	Selfridges Pref.	23/6	24/6	

ELECTRIC SUPPLY.

M.U.				
—	Bournemouth and Poole	77/9	78/9	-0/3
34/6	Charing Cross	33/6	35/6	
34/6	City of London	34/3	35/3	
55/6	County of London	55/9	56/9	
—	Electric Supply Corp.	78/3	79/3	
—	Lancashire	34/9	35/9	
34/6	London Electric	34/3	35/0	
54/0	Metropolitan	54/3	55/3	
34/9	Newcastle	1¾	1⅞	
34/6	St. James's	30/0	34/0	
—	Scottish Power	40/9	41/9†	
—	South London	32/6	34/6*	
34/9	Westminster Electric	34/6	35/6	+0/3
—	Whitehall Inv. Pref.	⅞	1	
—	Yorkshire Ord.	47/3	48/3	

ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENTS.

M.U.				
17/9	Associated Electric Ind.	17/3	17/9	
73/0	British Insul. Cables	73/6	74/6	
63/0	Callenders Cable	63/6	64/6	
—	Enfield Cable	93/6	94/6	
—	English Electric	6/6	7/0	
29/0	Ever Ready (5/-)	28/9	29/3	+0/1½
42/9	General Electric Ord.	42/1½	42/7½	
6	Henley's Telegraph	6	6¼	
19/0	Johnson and Phillips	18/6	19/9	
—	Philips Lamps	45/0	46/0	
19/6	Siemens	19/6	20/0	+0/3
—	Telegraph Constr.	28/0	29/6	

INSURANCE.

M.U.				
—	Alliance £20 (£2 4/- p.)	24½	25½	+¼
—	Atlas £5 (£1 5/- paid)	12	13¼	
—	Com. Un. (£2½ paid)	22½	23½	
—	Eagle Star Ord. £3	15	16	
—	Employers' £1 (5/- paid)	2 11/16	2 15/16	
—	Gen. Accdt. £5 (£1¼ p.)	15½	16½*	
—	Guardian £5 (10/- pd.)	13½	14	+⅛
—	L. & Lan. Fire £5 (£2)	26	28	
—	Lon. Ass. £2½ (£1¼ p.)	11	12	
—	N.B. & Mer. £5 (£1¼ p.)	34	36	
—	Northern £10 (£1 paid)	16¼	17¼	
—	Phœnix £10 (£1 paid)	13¼	14¼*	
—	Do. £1 (f.p.)	14¼	15¼	+¼
—	Prudential	30	31*	
—	Do. "B" £1 (4/- pd.)	3 11/16	3 15/16	
—	Royal Exchange	6⅞	7⅜	
—	Royal Ins. £1 (10/- pd.)	7⅛	7⅜	
—	Sun Ins. £1 (5/- pd.)	3¾	4*	
—	Sun Life £1 (f.p.)	5½	6*	
—	Yorkshire 50/- (10/- pd.)	7⅜	7⅛	

IRON AND STEEL.

M.U.				
6/1½	Amal. Anthracite	6/1½	6/7½	+0/1½
39/6	Babcock Wilcox Ord.	39/6	40/6	
2/7½	Baldwins	2/9	3/3	
4/0	Brown (John) (6/-)	3/9	4/3	
6/0	Buell Combustion	5/16	7/16	
2/4½	Cammell Laird (5/-)	2/3	2/9	
77/0	Cory (William)	76/6	77/6	
1/6	Dorman Long and Co.	1/3	1/9	
16/1½	Guest Keen	16/9	17/9	
4/3	Pease and Partners	4/3	4/9	
17/9	Powell Duffryn	17/9	18/3*	
22/6	South Durham Steel	21/6	22/0	-0/6
1/10½	Stewarts & Lloyds Def.	22/0	23/0	+0/3
8/10½	Vickers Ord.	8/9	9/3	

OILS.
M.U.—Dec. 18.

M.U.				
13/10½	Anglo-Ecuadorian	13/3	13/9	
1 19/32	Anglo-Egyptian "B"	1 19/32	1 25/32	+1/32
2 5/16	Anglo-Persian Ord	2 9/32	2 13/32	+1/32
32/3	Do. 8 p.c. 1st Pref	32/1½	32/7½	
31/7½	Do. 9 p.c. 2nd Pref	31/6	32/0	
28/9	Apex Trinidad (5/ shares)	29/3	29/3	+0/1½
11/0	Attock	11/0	12/0	
9/3	British Borneo Pet. (8/0)	9/3	9/9	+0/4½
3/6	British Burmah (8/)	3/3	4/3	
3/0	British Controlled	4/9	5/3	+0/1½
12/1½	Do. Pref.	12/0	12/6	+0/3
4 7/32	Burmah	4 7/32	4 11/32	+1/32
34/9	Do. 8 p.c. Pref	34/6	35/6	
7/6	Canadian Eagle Ord.	7/3	7/9	
12/9	Do. 7 p.c. 1st Pref. ($5)	12/6	13/0	
10/0	Do. 8 p.c. Pref.	9/6	10/6	
3/3	Kern River (10/)	3/0	3/6	
2⅛	Lobitos	2 3/32	2 7/32	+1/32
10/4½	Mexican Eagle Ord	10/3	10/6	+0/1½
11/0	Do. 8 p.c. Pref	10/9	11/9	
8/9	Do. 7 p.c. 1st Pref (4 pesos)	8/6	9/0	
9/4½	North Caucasian (10/)	9/1½	9/7½	
11/9	Phoenix Oil	11/9	12/3	+0/1½
5/4½	Do. 1/- shares	6/1½	6/7½	
2⅛	Royal Dutch	2⅛	2¼	+⅛
2½	Shell Transport	2 15/32	2 17/32	+1/32
12 5/16	Do. 5 p.c. Pref. (£10)	12	12½	
29/3	Do. 7 p.c. Pref	29/1½	29/7½	
11/7½	Sienna Romana	11/6	12/0*	+0/6
3/0	Tankers Pref.	2/9	3/3	
5/6	Trinidad Central	5/6	6/0	
3 15/32	Trinidad Leasehold	3 15/32	3 19/32	
1 15/32	V.O.C. Holdings	1 21/32	1 25/32	+1/32
1 11/16	Do. 7 p.c. Pref	1 11/16	1 13/16	

LAND AND INVESTMENT.

M.U.				
—	Argentine Land Invest.	¼	⅞	
16/3	Do. Southern Land	3 3/32	3 9/32	
—	Commodity Certs.		54¼	+½
—	First Brit. Fixed Trust	38/0	39/0	
—	Second do.	26/6	27/3	+0/3
—	Third do.	20/6	21/3	
9/6	Forestal Land	9/0	9/6	+0/3
22/0	Hudson's Bay Ord.	22/6	23/6	
15/16	Hyderabad Deccan	⅞	1	
—	Internat. Invest. Certs.	42¼		
3/0	Pekin Syndicate	2/9	3/9	
31/0	Sudan Plantations	31/0	32/0	

NEWSPAPERS.

M.U.				
20/3	Assd. Newspapers Def.	29/1½	30/7½	
19/9	Allied News Ord.	19/6	20/0	
—	Amal. Press (New)	18/9	19/3	
44/0	Daily Mail Trust	43/6	44/6	
14/4½	Daily Mirror Ord.	14/3	14/9*	
—	Financial Newspapers	6/9	7/9	+0/3
41/6	Sunday Pictorial Ord.	40/9	41/9*	

NITRATES.

M.U.				
27	Cosach 7 p.c. Ster. Bds	25	29	
5/9	Lautaro Nitrate 7 p.c. Pref. (£5)	4/9	5/9	

RUBBERS.
M.U.—Dec. 18.

M.U.			
18/0	Anglo-Dutch	18/6	+0/3
0/4½	Anglo-Java	0/4½	
11/3	Anglo-Malay	11/0	
2/3	Bukit Mertajam	2/3	
0/6	Bukit Sembawang	0/6	
13/1½	Grand Central	13/0	
21/3	Highlands	21/0	
9/6	Jugra Land	9/7½	
28/9	Kuala Lumpur	29/3	
17/0	Linggi	17/0	+0/3
3/1½	London Asiatic	3/1½	
21/3	Malacca	21/3	
27/6	Malayalam	27/7½	
1/4½	Merlimau-Pegoh	1/3	
25/1½	Rubber Trust	25/6	+0/3
17/0	Tandjong	16/9	
17/6	Tandjong Malim	17/6	
2 1/32	United Sua Betong	45/0	
8/0	Vallambrosa	7/10½	

Allagar	1/4½		Kinta Kellas	1/4½	
Batu Tiga	17/0		Kuala Sel.	2/0	
Bernam Oil	0/6		Laras	0/5	
Brit. I.G. Trst	39/-		Laras Deb.	3 6	
Brit. E. Java	1/3		Ledbury	15 7½	
Broome Sel(2/)	2/7½		Manch'r N.B.	9/4½	
Buntar	1/0		N. Hayoep	0/6	
Chersonese	2/7½		N. Hummock	10/7½	
Cheviot	3 3/4		P.P.K. (G'r'n)	8/9	
Cicely	2/10½		Pataling	19/4½	
Djasinga	10/7½		Perak (2/)	2/0	
F.M.S. Plant.	23/9		Rim Malacca	2/0	
Gen. Ceylon	20.0		Sedenak	13/9	
Glenbervie	0/10½		Soember Ajoe	1/4½	
Golden Hope	17/0		Sungei Siput	1/0	
Java Amal.	13/3		Taiping	1/4½	
Kamuning	1/0		Telogoredjo	9/9	
Kepitigalla	0/6¼		Yam Seng	1/6	

REFRESHMENT AND FOOD.

M.U.				
25/3	Aerated Bread	24/0	25/0*	
26/6	Bovril Def.	26/9	27/9	+0/3
0/9	Crosse & Blackwell	0/7½	0/10½	
10/1½	Home & Colonial (4/-)	9/10½	10/4½	
28/0	Inter. Tea Ord. (5/-)	28/6	29/0*	
1	Lovell and Christmas	19/9	20/9	
6¼	Lyons (J.)	6 5/16	6 7/16	
3/1½	Maypole Def.	3/0	3/3	
12/3	Scribbans	19/9	20/3	
—	Do. Def.	2/7½	2/10½*	
44/0	Schweppes Ord.	2 5/16	2 7/16	
35/3	Smithfield Arg. Meat	12/0	12/9	
26/3	Unilever Ord.	23/9	24/3	+0/3
27/3	Do. (N.V.)	26/9	27/3	+0/6

SHIPPING.

M.U.				
—	Cairn Line	4/6	5/6	
75½	Cunard Ord.	7/10½	8/4½	
26	Elder-Dempster 6% Pref.	0/3	1/3	
12¼	Furness Withy	18/7½	19/1½	+0/1½
28/6	Houlder Pref. (£5), 4-5	4⅝	5⅜*	
11/9	P. and O. Def. (£1)	18/1½	18/7½	+0/1½
—	Royal Mail Ord.	0	5	
6⅞	White Star 6½% Pref.	3/0	3/6	

TEAS.

Amal Estates	1 9/16	+¼	Imperial	1 9/16	
Assam Con.	1 9/16		Jetinga Valley	1 13/16	+1/16
Assam Front'r	1		Jhanzie	2⅛*	+1/16
Bog'want'lawa	3⅛		Jokai	3	
Borelli	1		Jorehaut	3¼	
Brahmapootra	22		Kanan Devan	35	
Brit. Indian	3 5/16	+1/16	Lebong	3	-1/16
Budla Beta	2 5/16	+1/16	Langla	2 3/32	+1/32
Ceylon Plant.	4 5/16	+⅛	Makum	1½	
Ceylon Prop.	2 1/16		Moabund	2 11/16	
Chargola	1	+1/32	Nedeem	2 5/16	+1/16
Chubwa	3½	+1/16	New Dimbula	3	
Chulsa	3 7/16		Newara Eliya	4⅞	
Co. Tea & L.	30		Ouvah	2⅛	
Darjeeling Co.	1 11/16		Peacock & Nd.	2 7/16	
Do. Consol	2⅛		Pabbojan	4½	
Deundi	1 19/32	+1/16	Pundaloya	2⅝	
Dimbula Val.	2 9/16		Rosehaugh Ce.	1 7/16	
Dooars	2⅛		Scottish Assam	2⅛	
Doom Dooma	3⅛*		Scot. T. & Ln.	2½*	+1/16
E. Assam	3 5/16		Singlo	2¾	
East Produce	3 1/16	+1/16	Sumatra	15/16	
Empire	1 13/16		Travancore	3 5/16	+1/16
Galaha Ceylon	2		Up. Assam	2¼	+⅛

TEXTILES AND ARTSILKS.

M.U.				
10/4½	Bleachers	11/10½	12/4½	+0/7½
15/9	Bradford Dyers	16/3	17/0	+0/3
13/3	British Celanese Ord.	13/3	13/9	
12/9	Do. Pref.	12/9	13/3	
11/9	Calico Printers	12/4½	12/10	+0/3
3 7/16	Canadian Celanese	3 3/16	3 5/16	
61/6	Coats	62/6	63/3	+0/7½
41/3	Courtaulds	43/7½	44/1½	+0/7½
40/3	English Sewing Cotton	41/6	42/6	+0/6
13/0	Fine Spinners	14/0	14/6	+0/4½
4/0	Jute Industries Pref., 10/-	3/9	4/3	
—	Linen Thread Ord.	29/0	30/0	
9/6	Lister Ord.	10/6	11/6	
68/9	Patons and Baldwins	70/0	70/9	+0/1½
3 9/16	Snia Viscosa	3½	3⅝	
—	Whitworth Mitchell	1⅝	1¾	

TELEGRAPHS, TELEPHONES.

M.U.				
29½	Anglo-American Def.	29	30	
73	Cables & Wireless 5½% Pf	73	74	
23	Do. 7½% "A" Ord.	23¼	24¼	
10¼	Do. "B" Ord.	10	10½	
1 15/32	Marconi Marine	1 15/32	1 17/32	
9/3	Do. Canada	8/3	9/3	
—	Oriental Telephone	2 15/16	3 3/16	+1/16
7	Radio Corporation	6½	6⅝	+1/16
3½	Do. Pref.	—	—	

MISCELLANEOUS INDUSTRIALS.

M.U.				
—	Assoc. British Pictures	3/1½	3/7½	
30/0	Associated Cement	29/3	29/9	
29/4½	Boot's Pure Drug (5/-)	30/3	30/9*	
12/3	Borax Con. Def.	11/6	12/6	
10⅞	Brazilian Traction	11	11⅛	+1/16
5 11/16	British-American Tobacco	5 11/16	5¾	
27/4½	British Aluminium	23/9	27/3	
34/4½	British Match	34/3	34/9	
2 15/16	British Portland Cement	2 15/16	3 1/16	
—	British Power and Light	15/16	1 1/16	
42/3	British Oil and Cake	41/9	42/9	
8⅝	Carreras	8 15/32	8 17/32	
—	Cerebos Ord.	8⅜	8⅝	
—	Crittal's Manufacturing	6/10½	7/4½	
37/1½	Dunlop Rubber	38/9	39/3	+0/3
34/3	Eastwoods Ord.	1 25/32	1 29/32	
14/9	Electric and Musical	16/7½	16/10½	+1/4½
27/6	Do. 6 p.c. Pref.	23/9	24/3	+0/9
—	Fairey Aviation	25/6	26/6	+0/6
—	Finlay (James)	76/0	77/0*	+0/6
21/9	Ford Motor	21/7½	22/1½	+0/1½
—	Gallaher Ord.	50/9	51/9	+0/3
14/9	Gaumont British	14/6	15/0	
—	Do. "A" Ord.	6/3	7/3	
1	Do. 5½ p.c. Pref.	19/9	20/3	
—	Harland Wolff Pref.	3/9	4/3	
—	Imperial Airways	38/6	39/6	+0/9
111/9	Imperial Tobacco Ord.	111/6	112/0	-0/1½
41/6	Do. Canada	2 1/32	2 3/32	
31/0	Imp. Chem. Indus. Ord.	31/10½	32/1½	+0/1½
8/4½	Do. Def.	8/9	9/0	
29/10½	Do. Pref.	29/9	30/3	
20⅞	International Nickels	21 3/16	21 5/16	+⅛
—	Do. Paint	48/6	49/6	
27/6	Lever 7 p.c. Pref.	27/9	28/3	
78/6	London Brick and F.	80/0	81/0	+0/6
7/10½	Napier Ord. (5/-)	7/0	7/6	
26/10½	National Canning	26/3	27/3	
—	North American Co.	12	17	
—	Reckitt Ord.	5 3/16	5 5/16*	
—	Ste. Madeleine Sugar	12/9	13/9	+0/3
38/9	Salt Union	39/3	39/3	
16¼	Shawinigan Water Com.	16	17	
38/0	Spillers Ord.	37/3	38/3	-0/3
38/0	Do. Def.	36/0	37/0	
8/9	Swedish Match B	8/9	9/6	
79/6	Tate and Lyle	80/0	80/6*	+0/10½
—	Tilling Ord.	82/3	83/3	
—	Tobacco Trust Ord.	4 7/16	4 9/16*	
—	Do. Def	5 5/16	5 7/16*	+1/16
3⅞	Triplex Glass	79/6	80/6	+0/6
14/6	United Molasses	14/9	15/3	
52/3	Wall Paper Def.	52/0	53/0	
29/9	White Tomkins Ord.	1 15/16	2 1/16	
32/0	Wiggins Teape Ord.	32/3	33/3	-0/3
96/3	Woolworth Ord.	95/9	96/3	-0/3
27/7½	Do. Pref.	27/9	28/3	

* Ex div. † Ex rights. ‡ Cum. div. ‖ Ex bonus.

LONDON "STREET" MARKET.

There were very few dealings in the "Street" last evening. Business was mostly confined to the trans-Atlantic counters in Shorter's Court, where there were one or two unimportant price changes.

Nickels eased to 21¼, after 21½. Radios were ⅛ lower at 6 7/16, but "Emmies" were bid for around 16s. 6d. Steels finished at 45¼, and Woolworths at 96s., while Canadian Pacifics closed fractionally better at 12⅝.

American Celanese shed ¼ to 7, and elsewhere Molasses at 15s. were a few pence lower.

LONDON MINING MARKET QUIET.

TIN SHARES MAINTAINED.

Mining shares were very cheerful on the eve of the holidays, considering the fact that the House was making merry during the afternoon. A fair amount of business was transacted, mostly on behalf of buyers. The market was narrow, and prices soon improved.

The firmness of Kaffirs augured well for the market in the New Year. There was little stock available, and dealers found investment orders difficult to satisfy in several instances. The "shops" were also picking up stock, and quotations advanced at the Cape. There was little change in West Africans on balance, but the turnover was considerable, and buyers were still in the market. A certain amount of professional profit-taking checked the rise. West Australians remained quiet.

Although the metal was again lower, Copper shares hardened. Tins, however, were hardly altered. Elsewhere the sharp rise in silver stimulated interest in the shares of the producers, among which El Oro were a firm spot. Closing prices:—

SOUTH AFRICAN.
M.U. Dec. 18

M.U.		
22/3	Afric & Eur	21/9-22/9+0/3
19/9	Ang.-A. Corp	16/6-17/6-0/3
27/6	Anglo-French	1 11/32-1 13/32
5¼	Brakpan	5 23/32-5 27/32+1/32
17¾	Cent. Mining	17½-17¾
1 7/16	City Deep	1 7/16-1 17/32+1/16
3⅛	Con. Goldf'ds	3-3⅛+1/16
2⅛	Cons. M. Reef	2 3/32-2 7/32+1/32
13/9	Con. M. Sel.	13/6-14/6
9 5/16	Crown Mines	9 11/32-9 13/32+1/32
4⅞	Daggafont'n	4¾-4⅞+1/16
1 13/16	Durban Deep	1 13/16-1⅞
1 7/16	E. Daggafont'n	1 7/16-1½+1/32
6⅞	East Geduld	6⅝-6⅞
37/3	E. RandProp	38/6-39/6+1/0
13/9	E. Rand Cns.	14/9-15/3
6⅞	Geduld	6⅝-6⅞
1 13/32	Golden Deep	1 13/32-1 17/32
2¼	Gen. Mining	2 1/32-2 3/32+3/32
2 11/16	Govt M.	2⅝-2¾+1/16
3 11/16	Grootvlei	3 9/16-3 11/16
21/6	H.E. Prop.	21/6-22/6
2⅜	Johan Invsts	31/0-32/0+0/6
1 13/16	Kleinfontein	1 13/16-1 15/16+1/32
1 5/16	Knight's	1 3/32-1 7/32
3 5/16	Lace Prop.	3 9/16-3 11/16+1/32
27/6	Langlaagte E	26/3-27/3
11/6	Luipaards Vlei	12/0-12/6+0/1½
3 5/16	Modderfontein	3 5/32-3 7/32
21/0	Modder B.	20/3-21/3
1 7/32	Modder Deep	21/9-22/9
2 1/16	Modder East	2¼-2⅜
2 11/32	New S. Areas	2 11/32-3 1/16
1 13/16	New Steyn.	1⅛-1¼
1 15/16	Nigel	1⅛-1¼+1/32
1 7/32	Nourse	1 17/32-1 21/32+1/32
0/7½	Oceana Con	0/4½-0/10½
3⅞	Rand Mines	3⅞-3 15/16-1/32
18/0	Rand Select	18/3-18/9+0/3
30/6	Randfontein	31/6-32/0+1/0
1⅛	Robin DeepB	1 11/32-1 15/32
1 1/32	Rose Deep	18/9-19/9
10/4½	Simmer & J.	10/1½-10/7½+0/3
11/0	S.A. Towns.	10/9-11/3-0/1½
23/3	Sth.-W. Af.	22/9-23/9*
5⅞	Springs	5 27/32-5 31/32+3/32
9 5/16	Sub. Nigel	9¼-9⅜+⅛
5	Trans' Del. B	5-5¼
1⅛	Trans Con. L	1⅛-1¼+1/16
1 3/32	Trans. Gold	1⅛-1¼
4⅞	Union Corp	4 13/16-4 15/16+1/32
1 13/32	Van Ryn	1 13/32-1 17/32+1/32
1 13/32	Do. Deep	1 13/32-1 17/32
1 11/16	Vereeniging	1⅛-1¼
1 13/16	Vogelstruisb'lt	1⅛-1¼
1⅛	Welgedacht	1⅛-1¼
22/3	West R.Con	22/1½-22/7½+0/1½
1 21/32	West Springs	1 21/32-1 25/32
2 5/16	West Wit Ar	2 3/16-2 5/16+3/32
1⅛	Wit. Deep	1⅛-1¼

RHODESIAN.
M.U. Dec. 18

M.U.		
8/6	BechuanaEx	8/3-8/9
4/4½	B. M'Kubwa	4/6-4/9
2½	Cam & Motor	2 13/32-2 17/32
20/3	Char. B.S.A.	20/0-20/6
23/0	Globe & Phx	24/3-25/3-0/3
9/0	GoldF. Rhod	8/9-9/0
2/0	Loangwa	2/0-2/3
17/32	Lonely Reef	½-9/16*
1⅛	Rezende	1 13/16-1 15/16+1/16
1/6	Rhod. B. Hill	1/6-1/9
11/0	Rhod Katanga	10/9-11/3
11/10½	Rhod. Select	12/0-12/6+0/3
5 5/16	Rhokana Corp.	5 5/16-5⅜+1/16
25/0	Roan Antel.	25/6-26/0+0/3
—	Select'n Tst.	12/1½-12/7½+0/3
2/0	Selukwe (2/6)	1/10½-2/1½
11/6	Sherw'd Starr	11/3-11/9
15/3	Tangan. Con	15/0-15/6-0/1½
5 1/16	Vic.FallsOrd	5 1/16-5 3/16+1/32
40/6	Do. Pref.	40/6-41/6
15/0	Wankie Col.	15/0-16/0
14/3	Zamb Expl.	13/6-14/6

DIAMOND.

M.U.		
2 1/16	Cons. Af. Sel.	2⅛-2¼+1/32
5 5/16	DeBeersDef	5 5/16-5 7/16
7 13/16	Do. Pref.	7 13/16-7 15/16
1⅛	Jagersf'tein	1 1/16-1 3/16
1 11/16	Premier Pref	1 11/16-1 13/16
4/9	West African	3/9-4/3

AUSTRALIAN.

M.U.		
⅜	Amal. Zinc	5/16-7/16
32/6	B. Hill Prop	33/0-34/0
2 5/16	Do. South New	2 5/16-2 11/32+1/16
4/3	Gt. Bould'r (2/)	4/0-4/3+0/3
23/6	Lake V.Star	24/0-24/6+0/4½
4/3	Lake V.Inv.	13/3-14/3
7/0	Mount Isa	6/6-7/6
3½	Nth.Bn.Hill	3 7/16-3 9/16
1½	Sons of Gwalia	30/0-31/0
1½	Sth. Kalgurli	1 5/16-1 7/16
7/9	Sulphide Ord	7/0-8/0
13/0	Do. Pref.	12/9-13/9
2 13/32	Wiluna Gold	41/6-42/6+0/6
1⅛	Zinc Ord (10/)	27/6-28/6*
4¼	Do. Pref.	4⅛-4⅜*

WEST AFRICAN.

M.U.		
8/3	Ariston	7/9-8/3*
28/0	Ashanti (4/)	28/3-28/9
19/4½	Bibiani	20/4½-[illegible]
11/6	Fanti Cons.	11/3-12/3
17/0	G. Coast Sel	17/0-17/6+0/3
2/0	Nth Ashanti	1/9-2/0
18/9	Taqu'h&Abs.	18/7½-19/1½+0/1½

TIN.
M.U. Dec. 18

M.U.		
5/0	Anglo-C. (10/-)	4/6-5/6
7/1½	Anglo-Orient	6/9-7/6
20/3	Do. Pref.	19/9-20/9
17/0	Aramayo	17/0-18/0+0/6
8/3	Associa'd Tin	8/0-8/6
14/7½	Ayer Hitam	14/3-15/0*
10/0	Bisichi	9/9-10/3
—	Changkat	33/6-34/6*
1 13/16	Gopeng	1¼-1½
31/0	Ipoh	30/9-31/9
16/0	Kaduna Synd	[illegible]
13/6	Kamunting	13/6-14/3*+0/1½
24/9	Kram't Pulai	[illegible]
13/0	Lond. Tin.	15/0-15/6
27/9	MalayanT.D	28/6-29/0
9/16	Naraguta	9/16-11/16
7/0	Pahang (5/)	7/6-8/0
15/3	Petaling	15/3-15/9+0/3
2/6	Rahm'n Hydr	2/3-2/9
6/3	Rambutan	6/0-6/6
1⅜	Renong	1¼-1⅜
36/3	Siamese	36/0-36/6
—	Sth. Kampar	21/0-22/0
5/6	Tavoy (4/)	5/0-5/6
19/9	Tronoh (5/-)	19/3-20/3*

COPPER.

M.U.		
8/3	Messina	8/9-9/3+0/3
17/9	Mount Lyell	17/6-18/6
3/9	Namaqua	[illegible]
18¼	RioTinto (£5)	18⅛-18⅜+⅛
3 5/16	Tharsis	3 5/16-3 7/16

MISCELLANEOUS.

M.U.		
13/0	Burma Corp	13/1½-13/4½+0/3
24/0	Champ. Reef	25/0-26/0+0/6
21/0	Chos. Corp	20/3-21/3
3/6	Explor. (10/-)	3/0-4/0
32/6	Frontino	1⅛-1¼
5	Min.Sape'Va	4¾-5
6/9	Min.Crp.Can	6/6-7/0
16/6	Mysore (10/)	16/6-17/0
37/6	Nundydroog	34/3-39/3+0/9
7/0	Ooregum	6/6-7/6
21/6	St.J.Del Rey	21/3-22/3
13/3	San Fr'isco	14/0-15/0
4/3	Santa Gert.	4/3-4/9+0/3
2/0	Tigon Mng	1/6-2/6
13/9	Trepca (2/6)	12/10½-13/4½*+0/1½
23/0	Waihi Gold	24/3-25/3+0/3

* Ex Dividend. † Ex Rights. ‡ Ex bonus.

DUBLIN STOCK EXCHANGE.

RISES AND FALLS OF THE WEEK.

The following are the rises and falls in stocks and shares dealt in on the Dublin Stock Exchange during the past week, as compared with the list price on Friday, December 15th:—

RISES.

	Price Dec. 15.	Price Dec. 22.	
Consols	73⅛	73 11/16	+9/16
War Loan	100⅜	100 15/16	+9/16
3½ p.c. Conversion	100 11/16	100 15/16	+¼
India 3 p.c.	72¼	73	+¾
Bank of Ireland	296¾	305	+8¼
Hibernian Bank	9¼	10	+¾
Provincial Bank New	22⅛	22⅝	+½
Westminster Bank	82/0	83/1½	+1/1½
Arnott Ord.	80/3	81/0	+0/9
Arnott Pref.	74/0	77/6	+3/6
B.A.T.	113/3	113/9	+0/6
Bolands Pref.	10⅛	10⅝	+½
Chem. Indust. Ord.	30/9	31/10½	+1/1½
Chem. Indust. Def.	8/6	8/10½	+0/4½
Chem. Indust. Pref.	29/9	30/1½	+0/4½
Civil Service Bldg.	38¾	44	+5¼
Coats Ord.	61/0	62/0	+1/0
Courtaulds	40/10½	43/6	+2/7½
Dunlops	36/9	37/4½	+0/7½
Guinness Ord.	99/0	101/0	+2/0
Harrolds	66/10½	68/0	+1/1½
Imp. Tobacco	111/0	113/3	+2/3
Power Pref.	14/0	17/0	+3/0
Unilever (N.V.)	26/4½	26/10½	+0/6
Wallpaper Def.	51/7½	52/4½	+0/9

FALLS.

	Price Dec. 15.	Price Dec. 22.	
Land Bonds	108¼	108	-¼
Great Northern Ord.	6⅞	5	-1⅞
Do. do. Pref.	7¼	7	-¼
Do. do. Debs.	47¼	47	-¼
Great Southern Guar.	38⅜	38	-⅜
Alliance Gas	13 1/16	13	-1/16
Bleechers	11/4½	10/9	-0/7½
Bolands Debs.	10 1/16	10	-1/16
Guinness Pref.	14⅜	14¼	-⅛
Lever 5 p.c.	29/10½	29/6	-0/4½
Ranks Ord.	15/11½	15/6	-0/5½
Shells	50/7½	50/0	-0/7½
Todd Burns Deb.	63/0	60/0	-3/0
Unilever	26/3	25/7½	-0/7½

FINANCIAL PARAGRAPHS.

Mortimer's (London).

Sir Harold Moore, liquidator of Mortimer's (London), Ltd., presiding at a meeting of shareholders, said that there was a balance available of £1,256. There would, therefore, be very little for the unsecured creditors, whose claims amounted to some £27,800, and shareholders could not hope to receive anything. Sir Harold suggested that his remuneration should be fixed at £550, which would enable a dividend of 6d. in the £ to be paid to the creditors. The suggestion was agreed to.

San Paulo Coffee 7½ Per Cent. Loan.

Lazard Brothers and Co. has now been informed by its agents in Brazil that the necessary authority has now been given for the carrying out of the arrangements made in December of last year regarding the State of San Paulo Coffee Institute 7½ p.c. Sterling Bonds. Consequently, they hope to receive over the next six months sufficient remittances to permit the ultimate payment in full in cash of the coupon due on the bonds on 1st July, 1933. Lazard Brothers and Co. will make a further announcement as soon as they are in a position to effect payment of this coupon. Negotiations with regard to the payment of coupon due 1st January, 1934, and future coupons are still in progress. San Paulo Coffee Institute 7½ p.c. Sterling Bonds were actively dealt in, and closed 3½ higher at 38½ in anticipation of any early payment of the coupon due last July.

Imperial Chemical Industries.

Imperial Chemical Industries, Limited, have made an offer to the shareholders of the Broughton Copper Company, Limited, to acquire the whole of the issued share capital of that company. The Broughton Copper Company, Limited, has an issued capital of £475,000, divided into 212,500 7½ per cent. Preference shares of £1 each and 262,500 Ordinary shares of £1 each, all fully-paid. The terms offered by Imperial Chemical Industries are 20s. in cash for each Preference shares and 10s. in cash for each Ordinary share, Imperial Chemical Industries, Limited, reserving the right to withdraw their offer if it is not accepted by 90 per cent. in value of the shareholders of each class within a period of four weeks.

Rayon Patents Case.

It is understood that an appeal to the House of Lords has been lodged by British Celanese, Ltd., the plaintiffs in the Rayon patents case against Courtaulds, Ltd.

I.C.I. and Broughton Copper.

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DUBLIN BUSINESS DONE.

FUNDS AND BANKS STEADY. GUINNESS BETTER. INDUSTRIALS IMPROVE.

In Funds, 5 p.c. National Loan shed ⅛ at 102⅝, and 5 p.c. Second Loan repeated 112⅜. 3½ p.c. Fourth Loan (£30 paid) unchanged at 30, 4½ p.c. Land Bonds eased ¼ at 108, 2½ p.c. Consols unaltered at 73 11/16, and 3½ p.c. War Loan lost 1/16 at 100 15/16. 3½ p.c. Conversion gained ⅜ at 101 15/16, and India 3½ p.c. 1/16 at 86 15/16.

Hibernian Bank hardened 1/16 at 10. Munster and Leinster repeated 99s. 6d., and National 45s. 3d.

Distillers Ord. put on 4½d. at 81s. 4½d., and Guinness 4½d. at 101s. after 100s. 9d.

In Rails, Great Northern Ord. fell 1⅞ at 5, and Great Southern Debs. unchanged at 58¼.

Dublin Tramways Pref. repeated 11.

Alliance Gas unaltered at 13 after 13 and 12 15/16.

Bolands Pref. was ⅛ higher at 10⅝, and the Debs. lost ⅜ at 10. Johnston Mooney Ord. unchanged at 109s.

Among Industrials "Bats," put on 1s. 9d. at 113s. 9d., Courtaulds 3d. at 43s. 6d., Goulding Ord. 1s. at 78s., the Pref. 7d. at 102s. 6d., the Debs. 1s. 8d. at 100s., Imperial Tobacco 3d. at 112s. 3d., Irish Civil Service P.B.S. 5¼ at 44, and Yam Seng 1½d. at 1s. 7½d. Calico Printers eased ½d. at 12s. 4d., and Sewing Cottons 1½d. at 40s. 4½d. Coats repeated 62s. after 61s. 10½d., and Chemicals Def. 8s. 10½d.

"Other business done" will be found at foot of annexed table.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

5% National Loan (102¾) 102⅝	Dublin Tram Pref. (11) 11
5% Second Loan (112⅜) 112⅜	G.S. Deb. (58¼) *58¼
4½% Third Loan (107¼) 107¼	Alliance Gas (13) 13 12 15/16 13 13
3½% Fourth Loan (fully paid) (98) 98b	Bolands Pref. (10⅝) 10⅝
Do. (£30 pd.) (30) 30	Do. Debs (10⅜) *10
4½% Land Bonds (108¼) 108	Johnston Mooney (109/-) 109/-
2½% Consols (73⅛) *73⅛	Crowe Wilson Pref. (8/9) 10/-a
3½% War Loan (101) 100 15/16	Pim Pref. (10/-) 10/-b
3½% Conversion (101 9/16) 101 15/16	B.A.T. (112/-) 113/9
India 3½% (85⅞) 86 15/16	Calico Printers (12/4½) 12/4
Hibernian Bank (9 15/16) 10	Coats (62/-) 61/10½c 62/-
Mun. & Lein. (99/6) 99/6	Courtaulds (43/3) 43/6
National (45/3) 45/3	Sewing Cottons (40/6) 40/4½
Provincial (27) 26⅞b 27a	Fry Cadbury 5% "A" Pref. 23/9a
C'bellingham Bry. (8⅝) 9a	Goulding Ord. (77/-) 78/-
Do. Pref. (9⅜) 9⅛b	Do. Pref. (101/11) 102/6
Distillers Ord. (81/-) 81/4½	Do. Debs. (98/4) 100/-
Guinness (100/7½) 100/9 1/- 1/-	Chemicals Def. (8/10½) 8/10½
G.N. Ord. (6⅞) 5	Imp. Tobac. (112/-) 112/3
Do. Pref. (7) 7a	Irish Civil Service P.B.S. (38¾) 44
	Yam Seng (1/6) 1/7½

Other Business Done.

Ashanti Goldfields 28/9	Electric & Musical Ind. 15/9
Belfast Corp. 5% Red. 1945 110¼	Ranks Ord. 15/6
Brewers of Vancouver 11/1½	Do. 6% "A" Pref. 23/6
British Cotton & Wool 5/9	Rhodesian Corp. 4/10
Cole (E. K.) 9/6	Tobacco Securities Trust 90/6
Consolidated 4% Loan 110⅞	Turner & Newall 41/4½
Mozambique Co. 5/6	United Molasses 15/-
	United Serdang Rubber 2/10

* Odd lot. a asked. b bid. c cash.
(Last business done given in parentheses.)

IRISH BANKS' RATE.

Irish Banks' Rate (June 30, 1932)	3 %
Loans on Government Stock transferred	2½%
Deposits under £2,000	1 %
Deposits of £2,000 and over	1¼%

The rates in the foregoing table are subject to variation.

STOCK EXCHANGE SETTLEMENTS.

Contango	Jan. 8	Jan. 22
Ticket	Jan. 9	Jan. 23
Intermediate	Jan. 10	Jan. 24
Account Day	Jan. 11	Jan. 25

BELFAST.

Business done:—3½ per Cent. War Loan, 101, 101⅛; Westminster Bank, 82s. 3d.; J. and P. Coats Ordinary, 62s.; Robertson, Ledlie and Ferguson, 17s. 6d.; Harland and Wolff Pref., 3s. 9d.; Imperial Tobacco, 111s. 9d.; Imperial Chemical Ordinary, 31s. 9d.

CORK.

National Loan dealt in at 102⅝; Third Loan unchanged, 107¼; Fourth National Loan (£30 paid) done at 30; War Loan brought 100 15/16; Munster and Leinster Bank repeated 99s. 6d., and Nationals 45s. 3d.; Great Southern Deb. remained at 58¼; Cork Gas buyers 7¼; Coats Ord. realised 61s. 10½d.; John Daly and Co. Ord. buyers 60s.; Goulding Ord. sellers 78s.; Imperial Hotel Ord. sellers 20s., do. Pref. sellers 65s.; Musgrave Bros. 7½ per cent. Pref. buyers 18s. 9d.; Thompsons Pref. buyers 95s. 6d., do. Debs. buyers 35.

OIL PRODUCTION.

Mexican Eagle Oil Co.—Production for the week ended 16th December, 1933—312,000 barrels.

INSURANCE SHARES.

BUSINESS DONE IN LONDON:—Alliance, 25; Commercial Union, 23⅛, 3/16, ⅛, 5/16; Eagle Star Ord., 15 11/16, ⅛; Employers' Liability, 56/3, 7/-; General Accident, 15⅞, 15/16; North British and Mercantile, 35⅛; Northern, 16⅜, 13/16, £16 14/-; Phœnix, 13⅞, £13 15/9; do. £1 (fully paid), 14¾; Prudential, 30½, ⅜, 7/16; do. "B" £1 (4/- paid), 76/6; Royal Exchange, 7¼, £7 3/6; Royal Insurance, 7 11/32, 9/32, ¼, ⅜; Sun Insurance, 76/6, 7/-.

Imperial Airways Traffics.

Traffic return for the month of October, 1933:—Miles flown for the month, 167,142, as against 137,105 last year; miles flown since 1st April, 1933, 1,399,284, against 1,213,165; ton miles for month 227,819, as against 189,260 last year; ton miles since 1st April, 1933, 1,725,585, as against 1,379,514; receipts for month £101,824, as against £92,907; receipts since 1st April, 1933, £778,663, as against £689,329. The 1933 figures do not include the traffic and revenue of the extension from Karachi to Calcutta.

THE MONEY MARKET

SHARP RISE IN SILVER.

As a result of the announcement by President Roosevelt with regard to silver, the price of the metal in London yesterday rose sharply, being ½d. per oz. higher for spot and 7/16d. for forward delivery, at 19 1/16d. and 19⅛d. per oz. respectively. This is the highest price touched since June 21 last. There was some good bidding on American account, and also by speculators, while sellers were holding back. The tone of the market was uncertain at the close.

The price of gold was quoted 1d. higher at 126s. 3d. per oz. fine, being based on a franc rate of 83⅞, and including a premium of 7d. per oz. About £500,000 was in the market, and was taken for the usual quarters. The American price of gold was unchanged at 34.06 dollars per oz. fine.

Bank Rate Discount (changed June 30, 1932) 2%

60 days' fine	1⅛	1¼ %			
3 months	1⅛	1¼ %	Trade	2	2½ %
4 "	1 3/16	1 5/16 %	"	2¼	2½ %
6 "	1¼	1⅜ %	"	2½	3 %

Loans to Brokers Day-to-day	¾ %
" for a week	½ ¾ %
Deposit Allowance: Banks at Call	½ %
" Discount Houses at Call	½ %
" at Notice	¾ %

There was a fair demand for loans yesterday at ½ to ¾ per cent., while discount rates were not quite so firm on the Treasury bill results. Fine three months' bills were changing hands at 1 1/16 per cent., and this week's Treasuries were quoted at 1⅛ per cent.

Tenders were received at the Bank of England yesterday for £45,000,000 Treasury bills. Tenders dated Wednesday to Friday of next week, at £99 14s. 3d., get about 58 per cent., above in full. Tenders dated Saturday, at £99 14s. 4d. and above, receive in full. These figures indicate an average of about 1 1/16 per cent., as compared with 1 1/16 per cent. for last week's bills.

Interest in the foreign exchange market was mainly centred upon the movements of the sterling-dollar exchange. Despite the firm tone in New York overnight the dollar opened weaker in London.

The tendency was rather erratic throughout the day, but a distinctly easier trend became noticeable after the opening of the New York markets. The gold currencies, under the lead of the franc, remained very steady during the greater part of the day, and eventually showed a moderate appreciation in terms of sterling. Dollars were quoted at about 5.09 at the outset, as compared with 5.08 at the previous close, and the exchange soon rose to 5.12. There was a moderate recovery later, but the quotation rose again towards the close, and was finally 2½c. higher than on Thursday at 5.10½. The forward dollar weakened by ⅛c. to 7⅞c. discount for three months. Canadian dollars weakened in sympathy with the American exchange, and were finally 2c. cheaper at 5.09. Although the sterling-franc rate opened at 83¾, the bulk of the day's business transacted at a rate of 83⅞. Late in the afternoon the exchange fell to 83⅝, and the final quotation was 83 11/16, a net fall of 1/16 on the day. The other gold currencies also appreciated in relation to the £; German marks were ½pf. dearer at 13.72. The Eastern currencies improved following the sharp rise in the price of silver. Hong Kong dollars appreciated by 1/16 to 17¼, and Shanghai dollars by ⅛ to 15¼.

Centre	Dec. 22 Closing Rates		Dec. 21 Closing Rates		Par Exch
New York	5.10	5.11	5.07½	5.08½	4.866
Montreal	5.08½	5.09½	5.06½	5.07½	4.86⅔
Amsterdam	8.13½	8.15½	8.15	8.17	12.10
Berlin	13.70	13.74	13.70	13.75	20.43
Brussels	23.54	23.58	23.58	23.62	35.00
Copenhagen	22.35	22.45	22.35	22.45	18.159
Geneva	16.92	16.94	16.95	16.99	25.2215
Madrid	39⅞	40	39 15/16	40 1/16	25.22
Milan	62⅛	62½	62 7/16	62 9/16	92.46
Oslo	19.85	19.95	19.85	19.95	18.15
Paris	83 9/16	83⅞	83 11/16	83¾	124.213
Stockholm	19.37	19.41	19.37	19.41	18.15
Alexandria	97⅜	97⅝	97⅜	97⅝	97.5
Athens	580	600	565	600	375
Helsingfors	225½	227½	225½	227½	193.2
Lisbon	109⅛	110¼	109⅛	110¼	110
Prague	109⅛	110⅛	110½	110⅛	164.25
Vienna	28½	30½	28½	30½	34.584
Warsaw	29	29¼	29⅛	29⅛	43.38
B. Ayres	35¾ sellers off rate		35¾ sellers off rate		47.577
Lima 90 dys	22.70 nom		22.70 nom		17.38
Mexico*	17.50	18.50	17.50	18.50	9.76
M'video*	35¾ sellers of rate		35¾ sellers off rate		51⅛
Rio de Jan.	4⅛ sellers off rate		4⅛ sellers off rate		5.899
Valparaiso	nom		nom		40
Calcutta	18 3/32	18⅛	18 3/32	18⅛	18d.
Hongkong	17	18	16⅞	17½	
Kobe (p.yn)	14 7/16	14⅝	14 7/16	14⅝	24.5
Shanghai*	15¼	16⅛	15¼	15¾	—
Singapore*	27 15/16	28⅛	27 15/16	28⅛	28d

* Rate quoted in London.

DIVIDENDS AND REPORTS.

Irish Civil Service Building Society.—The seventieth annual report to the shareholders for year ended 30th November, 1933, states:—The receipts from all sources for the year have been £839,219 (£812,776), and the total assets now stand at £570,312 (£537,831), including the sum of £44,294 (£57,362), represented by Government securities, Bank of Ireland stock and cash in hand. The amount advanced on mortgage during the year has been £155,779 (£144,379), making a total of £3,502,198 (£3,346,419) advanced since the formation of the Society. The amount now held on deposit account from members and the general public is £335,165 (£314,513). The Board have added £11,000 (£5,577) to the general reserve fund, which now stands at £75,000 (£64,000). After this allocation the net profits for the year, with £4,357 carried over from last year amount to £15,907 (£13,929). In June last an interim dividend at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum was paid, and the Board now declare a dividend at the same rate per cent. per annum for the past half-year, with a bonus of 10s. per share, all free of income tax. These payments absorb £11,066, leaving a balance of £4,841 (£4,357) carried forward to next account. The Board record the death of Mr. Edward Connolly, B.L., who rendered valuable service to the Society as a member of the Board for over twelve years. In his place Mr. Edward Patrick McCarron, barrister-at-law, has been co-opted a director. He and Mr. C. E. Browne, who now retires by rotation, offer themselves for re-election. The Society is now issuing deposit bonds at the following rates of interest per annum, viz.:—For three years, 3½ per cent.; for one year, 3 per cent. The present rate of interest on ordinary deposits is 2 per cent. under £2,000, for sums of £2,000 and upwards 2¼ per cent. All interest is paid free of income tax. (Last year's dividend was the same, but the bonus was 8/- instead of 10/-. Figures in parentheses are those for 1932.) Meeting 25 Westmoreland street, January 4, 4 p.m.

Bowaters Paper Mills.—Trading profit reached a new high record of £184,289 in the year to September 30, 1933. The previous best figure was £181,359 in 1931-32. The Ordinary dividend is again 7½ per cent., but, as a result of the additional capital issued at the end of last year calls for a larger amount, at £33,125. Net allocations to reserves are lower than a year ago, and there is a reduction of about £6,000 in the carry forward.

Electrical and Musical Industries.—The directors have decided to pay the arrears of Preference dividend to June 30 last, together with a dividend for the current half-year. (The dividend was in arrear as from December 31, 1931.)

Hadfields.—By reason of the continued depression in trade and the need of conserving resources, it has been decided to defer payment of the Preference dividend due on December 31. No Preference dividend has been paid since the end of 1930.

Eucryl.—Dividend on Preferred-Ordinary 5 per cent., making 10 per cent. (same), and on Deferred 7½ per cent., making 12½ per cent. (same).

John Crossley and Sons.—Ordinary dividends resumed with a payment of 2½ per cent. The last distribution was 5 per cent. in 1928-29. Preliminary results for the year to December 2, 1933, show a sharp rise in profits, £50,943 being earned, compared with £29,183 in the previous year.

Lautaro Nitrate.—Covering the year 30th June, 1933, the accounts of the Lautaro Nitrate Company, which is controlled by Cosach, the Chilean combine, show an operating profit of U.S. dollars 1,290,518 (£258,100 at par), compared with $1,562,530 (£312,500) for 1931-32. After deductions there is a total of $1,487,481. Against this curtailment and oficina stoppage, expenses took $624,161, interest on funded debts $2,433,933, interest on other debts $632,701, exchange adjustment arising from the conversion of certain assets and liabilities $443,864, provision for 60 gold pesos per metric ton under decree of February, 1931, $1,713,099, or a total, including sundry adjustments, of $6,304,103. The net result is a deficit of $4,816,619 (£963,110), compared with $5,871,905 (£1,174,300) for the previous year. This is deducted from the capital surplus, reducing the latter to $26,243,291 (£5,248,000).

Pullman Car Co.—No payment on account of arrears of dividend on the Preference Shares can be made on January 1 next. Dividend paid to December 31, 1930.

Walters Palm Toffee.—Profit for past year £38,499. Deducting £7,007 debit balance brought in there remains a credit balance of £18,491 to be carried forward.

Westminster Electric Supply Corporation.—Dividend on the 4½ per cent. Preference stock for the half-year ending 31st December, 1933, less tax.

NINE SLEEP IN ONE ROOM.

When an inquest was held at Chatham yesterday on the five days' old son of Wilfred Edward Kilmister, of Cannon street, Chatham, who was accidentally suffocated by the bedclothes, it was stated by the father that he, his wife, and seven children were living and sleeping in one room. He had been unable to find other accommodation, and when he had applied for a Council house he had always been told there were others in front of him.

The Medical Officer of Health said that no Council in the country had been more concerned about the housing question than Chatham, but, with the accommodation at their disposal, it was impossible to find accommodation for all the people who needed it.

A verdict of death by misadventure was returned.

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SHARP RISE IN SILVER.

As a result of the announcement by President Roosevelt with regard to silver, the price of the metal in London yesterday rose sharply, being ½d. per oz. higher for spot and 7/16d. for forward delivery, at 19 7/16d. and 19½d. per oz. respectively. This is the highest price touched since June 21 last. There was some good bidding on American account, and also by speculators, while sellers were holding back. The tone of the market was uncertain at the close.

The price of gold was quoted 1d. higher at 126s. 3d. per oz. fine, being based on a franc rate of 83⅝, and including a premium of 7d. per oz. About £500,000 was in the market, and was taken for the usual quarters. The American price of g ld was unchanged at 34.06 dollars per oz. fine.

Bank Rate Discount (changed June 30, 1932) 2%				
60 days fine	1⅛	1¼ %	Trade	2 2½ %
3 months	1⅛	1¼ %		2¼ 2½ %
4	1 3/16	1 5/16 %		2½ 3 %
6	1¼	1⅜ %		
Loans to Brokers Day-to-day				¾ %
for a week				½ ¾ %
Deposit Allowance; Banks at Call				½ %
Discount Houses at Call				½ %
at Notice				¾ %

There was a fair demand for loans yesterday at ½ to ¾ per cent., while discount rates were not quite so firm on the Treasury bill results. Fine three months' bills were changing hands at 1 3/16 per cent., and this week's Treasuries were quoted at 1⅛ per cent.

Tenders were received at the Bank of England yesterday for £45,000,000 Treasury bills. Tenders dated Wednesday to Friday of next week, at £99 14s. 3d., get about 58 per cent., above in full. Tenders dated Saturday, at £99 14s. 4d. and above, receive in full. These figures indicate an average of about 1 3/16 per cent., as compared with 1 3/16 per cent. for last week's bills.

Interest in the foreign exchange market was mainly centred upon the movements of the sterling-dollar exchange. Despite the firm tone in New York overnight the dollar opened weaker in London.

The tendency was rather erratic throughout the day, but a distinctly easier trend became noticeable after the opening of the New York markets. The gold currencies, under the lead of the franc, remained very steady during the greater part of the day, and eventually showed a moderate appreciation in terms of sterling. Dollars were quoted at about 3.09 at the outset, as compared with 5.08 at the previous close, and the exchange soon rose to 5.12. There was a moderate recovery later, but the quotation rose again towards the close, and was finally 2½c. higher than on Thursday at 5.10½. The forward dollar weakened by ⅛c. to 7⅝c. discount for three months. Canadian dollars weakened in sympathy with the American exchange, and were finally 2c. cheaper at 5.09. Although the sterling-franc rate opened at 83⅝, the bulk of the day's business transacted at a rate of 83⅝. Late in the afternoon the exchange fell to 83½, and the final quotation was 83 11/16, a net fall of 1/16 on the day. The other gold currencies also appreciated in relation to the £; German marks were ½pf. dearer at 13.72. The Eastern currencies improved following the sharp rise in the price of silver. Hong Kong dollars appreciated by 3/16 to 17½, and Shanghai dollars by ⅜ to 15⅞.

Centre	Dec. 22 Closing Rates		Dec. 21 Closing Rates		Par Exch.
New York	5.10	5.11	5.07½	5.08½	24.862
Montreal	5.08½	5.09½	5.06½	5.07½	4.86⅔
Amsterdam	8.13½	8.15½	8.15	8.17	12.10
Berlin	13.70	13.74	13.70	13.75	20.43
Brussels*	23.54	23.58	23.58	23.62	35.00
Copenhagen	22.35	22.45	22.35	22.45	18.159
Geneva	16.92	16.94	16.95	16.99	25.2215
Madrid	39⅞	40	39 15/16	40 1/16	25.22
Milan	62⅜	62½	62 7/16	62 9/16	92.46
Oslo	19.85	19.95	19.85	19.95	18.15
Paris	83½	83 9/16	83 11/16	83¾	124.213
Stockholm	19.37	19.41	19.37	19.41	18.15
Alexandria	97⅜	97⅝	97⅜	97⅝	97.5
Athens	560	600	565	600	375
Helsingfors	225½	227½	225½	227½	193.2
Lisbon	109½	110¼	109½	110¼	110
Prague	109⅞	110⅜	110⅛	110⅝	164.25
Vienna	28½	30½	28½	30½	34.58½
Warsaw	29	29¼	29 1/16	29 5/16	43.38
B. Ayres	35¾ sellers off rate		35¾ sellers off rate		47.577
Lima 90 dys	22.70 nom		22.70 nom		17.38
Mexico*	17.50	18.50	17.50	18.50	9.76
M'video*	35⅜ sellers of rate		35⅜ sellers off rate		51 1/16
Rio de Jan.	4⅛ sellers off rate		4⅛ sellers off rate		5.899
Valparaiso	nom		nom		40
Calcutta	18 1/32	18 1/16	18 1/32	18 1/16	18d.
Hongkong	17	18	16⅞	17½	
Kobe (p.yn)	14 7/16	14 9/16	14 7/16	14 9/16	24.5
Shanghai*	15½	16¼	15¼	15¾	—
Singapore*	27 15/16	28⅛	27 15/16	28⅛	28d.

* Rate quoted in London.

DIVIDENDS AND REPORTS.

Irish Civil Service Building Society.—The seventieth annual report to the shareholders for year ended 30th November, 1933, states:—The receipts from all sources for the year have been £839,219 (£812,776), and the total assets now stand at £570,312 (£537,831), including the sum of £44,294 (£57,362), represented by Government securities, Bank of Ireland stock and cash in hand. The amount advanced on mortgage during the year has been £155,779 (£144,379), making a total of £3,502,198 (£3,346,419) advanced since the formation of the Society. The amount now held on deposit account from members and the general public is £335,165 (£314,513). The Board have added £11,000 (£5,577) to the general reserve fund, which now stands at £75,000 (£64,000). After this allocation the net profits for the year, with £4,357 carried over from last year amount to £15,907 (£13,929). In June last an interim dividend at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum was paid, and the Board now declare a dividend at the same rate per cent. per annum for the past half-year, with a bonus of 10s. per share, all free of income tax. These payments absorb £11,066, leaving a balance of £4,841 (£4,357) carried forward to next account. The Board record the death of Mr. Edward Connolly, B.L., who rendered valuable service to the Society as a member of the Board for over twelve years. In his place Mr. Edward Patrick McCarron, barrister-at-law, has been co-opted a director. He and Mr. C. E. Browne, who now retires by rotation, offer themselves for re-election. The Society is now issuing deposit bonds at the following rates of interest per annum, viz.:—For three years, 3½ per cent.; for one year, 3 per cent. The present rate of interest on ordinary deposits is 2 per cent. under £2,000, for sums of £2,000 and upwards 2½ per cent. All interest is paid free of income tax. (Last year's dividend was the same, but the bonus was 5/- instead of 10/-. Figures in parentheses are those for 1932.) Meeting 25 Westmoreland street, January 4, 4 p.m.

Bowaters Paper Mills.—Trading profit reached a new high record of £184,289 in the year to September 30, 1933. The previous best figure was £181,359 in 1931-32. The Ordinary dividend is again 7½ per cent., but, as a result of the additional capital issued at the end of last year calls for a larger amount, at £28,125. Net allocations to reserves are lower than a year ago, and there is a reduction of about £6,000 in the carry forward.

Electrical and Musical Industries.—The directors have decided to pay the arrears of Preference dividend to June 30 last, together with a dividend for the current half-year. (The dividend was in arrear as from December 31, 1931.)

Hadfields.—By reason of the continued depression in trade and the need of conserving resources, it has been decided to defer payment of the Preference dividend due on December 31. No Preference dividend has been paid since the end of 1930.

Eucryl.—Dividend on Preferred-Ordinary 5 per cent., making 10 per cent. (same), and on Deferred 7½ per cent., making 12½ per cent. (same).

John Crossley and Sons.—Ordinary dividends resumed with a payment of 2½ per cent. The last distribution was 5 per cent. in 1928-29. Preliminary results for the year to December 2, 1933, show a sharp rise in profits, £50,945 being earned, compared with £29,183 in the previous year.

Lautaro Nitrate.—Covering the year 30th June, 1933, the accounts of the Lautaro Nitrate Company, which is controlled by Cosach, the Chilean combine, show an operating profit of U.S. dollars 1,290,518 (£258,100 at par), compared with $1,562,530 (£312,500) for 1931-32. After deductions there is a total of $1,487,481. Against this curtailment and oficina stoppage, expenses took $624,161, interest on funded debts $2,433,935, interest on other debts $632,701, exchange adjustment arising from the conversion of certain assets and liabilities $443,864, provision for 60 gold pesos per metric ton under decree of February, 1931, $1,715,099, or a total, including sundry adjustments, of $6,304,103. The net result is a deficit of $4,816,619 (£963,110), compared with $5,871,905 (£1,174,300) for the previous year. This is deducted from the capital surplus, reducing the latter to $26,243,291 (£5,248,000).

Pullman Car Co.—No payment on account of arrears of dividend on the Preference Shares can be made on January 1 next. Dividend paid to December 31, 1930.

Walters Palm Toffee.—Profit for past year £25,499. Deducting £7,007 debit balance brought in there remains a credit balance of £18,491 to be carried forward.

Westminster Electric Supply Corporation.—Dividend on the 4½ per cent. Preference stock for the half-year ending 31st December, 1933, less tax.

NINE SLEEP IN ONE ROOM.

When an inquest was held at Chatham yesterday on the five days' old son of Wilfred Edward Kilnister, of Cannon street, Chatham, who was accidentally suffocated by the bedclothes, it was stated by the father that he, his wife, and seven children were living and sleeping in one room. He had been unable to find other accommodation, and when he had applied for a Council house he had always been told there were others in front of him.

The Medical Officer of Health said that no Council in the country had been more concerned about the housing question than Chatham, but, with the accommodation at their disposal, it was impossible to find accommodation for all the people who needed it.

A verdict of death by misadventure was returned.

FROM THE NORTHERN CAPITAL.

Government and Distress Relief : Banning the Tricolour : Poor Shipyard Year : Loan Guarantees : New Transport Bills : Wheat Grievance : New Broadcasting Station.

From Our Correspondent.

BELFAST, Friday.

THAT the Northern Parliament should adjourn for the Christmas recess is reasonable enough, but that it should have such a long holiday as that involved in an adjournment to the 6th March, after sitting only three days, naturally lends support to adverse criticism. This is particularly the case when the Government did not make any statement or give any indication of its attitude concerning future grants to distress relief work schemes in Belfast. The Government was paying fifty per cent. of the cost of such schemes, but some months ago announced the withdrawal of these grants for future schemes pending the publication of the new unemployment insurance scheme in Great Britain and how it might be possible to adopt it in Northern Ireland. A new bill following the lines of the British measure has been introduced formally, but it will not be passed until after the Parliament assembles in March. In the meantime the Belfast Corporation is in "Queer street." It is faced with the cost of outdoor relief maintenance for those who have been employed upon distress relief schemes. Without any Government assistance this would be a huge burden upon the Belfast ratepayers and lead to an increase of rates of over 1s. in the £. The Corporation must know before the end of the financial year in March what assistance it is to get from Government sources for relief, otherwise it will have to strike a substantial rate increase for next year. Even though Parliament has adjourned, it seems essential that the Government should have a conference with the Corporation early in the new year upon this point.

BANNING THE TRICOLOUR.

Anyone acquainted with political feeling in the North realised that the lavish display of the Free State tricolour at political meetings on behalf of the I.R.A. candidates in the recent Northern general election would have certain reactions when the election was over. One of these has been the banning of the tricolour in Northern Ireland when used as the symbol of Republicans or the I.R.A. organisation. It has been suggested by several speakers in the Northern Parliament this week that this was an insult to a Dominion flag and to a country which forms part of the British Commonwealth of Nations, but it was made clear by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Home Affairs that there is no intention of prohibiting the flying of the Free State flag when it is used as the flag of a Dominion on appropriate occasions, and when it is not calculated to lead to a breach of the peace. The Free State flag was flown in this manner, for instance, at the T.T. Motor Race, when there was a car driven by a native of the Free State, along with the flags of the nationality of other entrants. But when it is used by organisations which boast of their determination to change the Free State Constitution so that it will no longer be a Dominion of the British Commonwealth of Nations, but a Republic, it can hardly be said that under such circumstances it is being used as a "Dominion flag." The attitude of the Northern Home Office for the future seems to be: The tricolour can be flown as a Dominion flag on appropriate occasions, but will not be allowed to be flown as a symbol of Republicanism or when its display may lead to a breach of the peace. That the same flag is used in a dual capacity in the South is a matter for the Free State, but in Northern Ireland it will only be permitted as the official flag of the Free State Dominion.

POOR SHIPYARD YEAR.

The year just closing has been one of the worst experienced in the history of Belfast shipbuilding. Messrs. Harland and Wolff, Ltd., had no launches at Belfast, and Messrs. Workman Clark (1928), Ltd., launched only two vessels—small passenger-cargo steamers, each of 7,000 tons. In 1930 twenty-six vessels of 168,201 tons were launched; in 1931 six vessels of 79,434 tons, and in 1932 one vessel of 5,740 tons—which was the low-water mark of the shipbuilding slump. In the coming year the shipyards will show a return to more normal conditions; for there are nine vessels at present on the stocks or on order, and there is a prospect of several more orders within the next few months. Five of the new vessels are being constructed by Messrs. Harland and Wolff, and four by Messrs. Workman Clark, while the former firm, in addition to the machinery for the liners they are building, are constructing geared turbine machinery for the Royal Mail liners Asturias and Alcantara—which is the largest marine engineering order on hand in the British Isles at present. Messrs. Workman Clark are fitting exhaust turbo-electric equipment to four City liners, and have already similarly equipped the City of Venice and City of Kimberley. Belfast, in common with other shipbuilding centres, has passed through a period of deep depression, but the horizon is much brighter.

LOAN GUARANTEES.

Labour members in the British Parliament who represent Clydeside Divisions frequently protest against the Northern Government's Loan Guarantee Acts, which they allege give Belfast shipbuilders an unfair advantage over shipbuilders on the Clyde, Tyne and other centres. Mr. Kirkwood, the member for Dumbarton, was particularly active in this connection a few days ago, and actually suggested, apparently without any knowledge of the real facts, that Belfast shipbuilders were receiving grants out of money paid by Great Britain to Northern Ireland. Nothing could be further from the truth, and it is strange that such a suggestion should be made when the British Government is about to give financial facilities to complete the new Cunarder on the Clyde. The Northern Minister of Finance, Mr. Pollock, however, has made the position perfectly clear. He stated that no loans have been given to Belfast shipbuilders. The orders for the building of ships are secured by open competition, in which Belfast shipbuilders have no privileges or advantages whatever. What the Northern Loan Guarantee Acts are for is very simple. In proper circumstances, regarding security, standing of the firm and other matters, the Northern Government may guarantee at a bank or banks a loan, not to the builder, but to the owner of a vessel, but this cannot affect the shipbuilding firm which enters the market on a purely competitive basis. A number of vessels have been built in Belfast in recent years without the Government guarantee arrangement, and several of the owners of ships now on order have not applied for the Government guarantee.

TRANSPORT BILLS.

In the spring the Northern Government intends to introduce a measure to institute a system of supervision and control over all classes of goods-carrying vehicles. The main object of the bill will be to ensure that vehicles of this class used on the roads are in proper mechanical condition and that the drivers are capable of controlling them properly. The rapid development of motor transport, and particularly the increase of goods carrying vehicles, has been giving the Government considerable concern. There has been no co-ordinate system of control or supervision, and opportunities were afforded to unscrupulous owners to place on the roads vehicles which by reason of their defective condition were a danger to other users of the road. The bill will also contain other provisions dealing with traffic generally, with the object of effecting a more complete system of supervision and control. Railway workers and shareholders have complained for some years of the unfair competition provided by motor lorries which pick the best of the goods traffic at unremunerative rates, and are able to operate without complying with any regulations for control. A bill is to be introduced also to relieve the railways of some of the hampering restrictions now imposed upon them.

WHEAT SUBSIDY GRIEVANCE.

Northern Ireland has just cause for complaint at the operation of the wheat quota system. The British Government, in order to develop wheat-growing, fixed a quota system and encouraged farmers to grow wheat so that the country would not have to rely to the same extent upon outside sources. Northern Ireland is involved in the quota scheme, and Northern millers, it is estimated, have paid about £200,000 as quota payments, while Northern Ireland farmers have been able to draw only about £6,500 from the wheat subsidy. This is due to the fact that Northern Ireland is not suitable for wheat cultivation upon a large scale both by reason of the climate and the condition of the soil. It is, however, a large oat-growing area, and it has been suggested that the Northern Ireland portion of the wheat quota payments less than actually paid to Northern farmers as wheat subsidy should be utilised as a subsidy for oats. It is understood that a subsidy for oats will be put into operation soon, although the grievance in regard to wheat is likely to continue. Under these circumstances the Northern Government will have a strong case in approaching the British Minister of Agriculture in regard to the threatened swamping of the British market with Canadian store cattle next year. Over 200,000 head of cattle were exported from Northern Ireland last year, and anything which would endanger that trade would cause serious financial loss to Northern Ireland, and indirectly loss also to the British Exchequer. It was never intended, even under the Ottawa agreement, that United Kingdom farmers should suffer in order to give an advantage to Dominion farmers.

NEW BROADCASTING STATION.

The new broadcasting station for Northern Ireland is to be erected near Lisburn, and will be of much larger power than the existing station in Belfast. It is declared that it will be possible for "listeners" to get good reception, even with a crystal set, in any part of the Northern area. The British Broadcasting Corporation, which controls the wireless station in Belfast, has been slow in giving to Northern Ireland the benefit of a more powerful installation. Several years ago it was stated that a new station would be erected in Belfast, but nothing definite was done to achieve that desirable end. By removing the new station some ten miles from Belfast, it is hoped to improve the transmission to every part of Northern Ireland, and at the same time prevent the new station "drowning" the reception of other stations by Belfast listeners. Since the opening of the new broadcasting station at Athlone, Belfast listeners have taken full advantage of the alternative programme offered to them, and many would be sorry if the new Belfast station would interfere unduly with the reception of the Athlone programmes. While the new broadcasting station will be removed ten miles from Belfast, the studio will remain in the city, and will be enlarged and improved.

BOOKS OF THE WEEK.

"LE DIEU DE LA DANSE."

Nijinsky. By Romola Nijinsky. London: Gollancz. 10/6 net.

WHETHER the world has ever produced a greater dancer than Vaslav Nijinsky is very doubtful; that it has produced none to equal him in our time is certain. If that fact were not admitted universally, one might be inclined to deprecate Madame Nijinsky's admiration of her husband as something too intense to be communicated without sacrilege into print; but, as things are, she can produce chapter and verse, underlined by the world's opinion, to excuse it. She has written, at all events, an admirable biography, as much of herself as of her husband. There is no reticence about it. She discusses her own pursuit of Nijinsky as freely as she tells of his relations with Sergei de Diaghileff, the disruption of which, she contends, provoked the great impresario to unrelenting hostility against her husband. We cannot tell how far her presentation of Nijinsky, the man, is coloured by her own affection and admiration; he seems at times almost too good to have been true, but her account is the more attractive for that defect, if it exists. She has a thorough acquaintance with the art of the ballet—having followed the Russians in their entire wanderings—and her history of Nijinsky as an artist owes little to the critics or to public opinion.

It is a splendid, and yet a tragic, tale. Less than twenty years ago Nijinsky was the king of the dance, acknowledged as such in every capital of Europe and America. Furthermore, he had begun to revolutionise the art of the ballet with his own compositions—"L'Après-midi d'un Faune," "Jeux" and "Sacré du Printemps." To-day he is withdrawn from the world, in the seclusion of insanity, the seclusion whither so many great artists have preceded him. His fame, of course, is still, and always will be, a byword of the theatre. Yet it is well that his humanity has been communicated to paper so worthily by one who knew him and loved him well. Her book is as fine a tribute as wife has ever paid to husband.

A GERMAN HISTORY OF IRELAND.

A History of Ireland. Translated from the German by Julius Pokorny, Ph.D., LL.D., Litt. Celt., D.H.C., by Dr. Séana D. King. Foreword by J. M. Hone. Dublin: The Talbot Press. 8/6 net.

DR. POKORNY has taken exceptionally deep interest for many years in Ireland and Irish affairs. As a distinguished specialist in the Celtic languages and literature, modern and ancient, he is in the direct line of the great German scholars, beginning with Zeuss, but not ending, fortunately, with Kuno Meyer. His interest, moreover, has not been solely academic. It has been warmed by undisguised sympathy with Irish nationalism, political and cultural, and inspired by personal contact with the Ireland of to-day. It was this sympathy which prompted him to publish in German in 1916 the work on Irish history of which the Talbot Press has now printed an English translation by Dr. Séana King. For this translation the original text has been revised and, in some places, expanded.

To most readers the most important and stimulating section of the book will be the long second chapter on "Keltic Ireland to the Time of the English Conquest." This is a definite contribution to Irish historical study, and to its writing the author has brought deep scholarship, boldness of spirit and welcome originality. On the pre-Norman period he does not differ materially from MacNeill and other modern authorities, and believers in Irish tribalism or Gaelic Communism will get little comfort from his pages. Since his book was first written, however, Dr. Pokorny has reached the conclusion that the earliest Celtic groups arrived here at a much earlier approximate date than MacNeill or others will accept—in fact, as far back as 900-800 B.C. It is in this chapter, too, that he gives such evidence as he has found for Mediterranean and Arctic elements in the population before the Gaels came. It was this new light on the pre-Celtic aborigines that startled readers of a lecture delivered by Dr. Pokorny at University College, Dublin, a few years ago. Dr. Pokorny does not carry this point much further than to claim that "there are traces of Arctic cultural influences in the British Islands." In support he instances "the Irish skin-boats, especially the round coracles used on the Boyne" as "a legacy from the Arctic culture-province," the name *Fir-Bholg* as applied to the aboriginal users of these skin-boats, and Cú Chulainn's mysterious weapon, the famous *gae bolga*, as "doubtless identical with the Eskimo harpoon."

For the earlier periods, and, to a less extent, the modern period, Dr. Pokorny gives special attention to the cultural movements and intellectual life. He treats of the state of agriculture, trade and commerce in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, but not always with up-to-date material. He has little to say of social life or conditions, and shows scant sympathy with any political element except Sinn Fein. Throughout the book he makes good use of the best modern authorities, continental as well as Irish.

Mr. Hone contributes as foreword a well-balanced appreciation of the author, and he is not alone in deploring the fact that in the University of Berlin Dr. Pokorny has been deprived, through "the race theories of the Nazi *régime*," of his Professorship of Celtic.

Certain errors of fact mar an otherwise excellent study. These errors include wrong dates, and in the modern period what amount to misleading impressions. It is not true to say that Sir Roger Casement went to Germany "to take refuge from the murderous attacks of English agents at Oslo": his main object was much more ambitious than that. "All the signatories" of the Easter Week Proclamation were not "shot within twenty-four hours"—nor, indeed, were any of them. The first three were executed three or four days after their surrender, the last two—Connolly and MacDermott—a fortnight after their surrender. "Many others . . . . were also executed" is an exaggeration. Mr. de Valera's "dramatic escape from an English prison" took place in 1919, and not in 1917, just before his election for East Clare. The Irish Republican Brotherhood was founded in Dublin, not Paris; there was never any such person as "Sir Herbert Henry Asquith"; it is not correct to refer to English regiments as "ordered to go to the defence of Irish Nationalists against Ulster," or to the I.R.B. as following for years "a policy of pacifism." John Redmond and Shane O'Neill were far apart in time and in character, but the former was not "won over by the attractions of London society and the glitter of English gold and English honours," and the latter was not "slain by assassins hired by the English," however welcome to London and Dublin that chief's tragic end may have been.

THE UGLY DUCKLING.

The Life of Hans Christian Andersen. By Signe Toksvig. London: Macmillan. 10/6 net.

HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN was thirty before he published the first of his fairy tales. He was mildly surprised, and not particularly pleased or interested, when the little volume obtained an almost instantaneous success; for it was no part of his ambition to write such trifles as fairy tales. He wished to write plays which would be produced on famous stages, novels which would be read not only from every chair in Denmark, but in every country in the world, travel-books which would be full of the warm South, and would set him at once among the princes of letters. He accomplished none of these things; but it is clear from Miss Toksvig's charming biography that before the end of his life he had lost the desire to accomplish them, and that, having gained the applause and affection of the whole world for the trifles which he had considered unworthy of a serious artist, he was content.

The first half of Andersen's life was clouded with disappointment, but buoyed up by a magnificent, an almost superhuman, self-confidence. He was an ugly and gawky youth, slow at his lessons, a constant trial to his friends, a bore of the first magnitude. It is small wonder that his native village was not sorry to see his back when, as a boy, he left it in search of fame and appreciation in Copenhagen; and it is still less wonder that the friends in the capital, whose love and good opinion he strove so hard to maintain, were inclined to weary of him. The tales are his autobiography. His sorrows and triumph are crystallised in "The Ugly Duckling." The duckling, spurned and rejected by its companions, is Andersen himself; when it spreads its wings and shows itself a swan, the envy and admiration of the whole nest, it mirrors his aspiration to rise from his surroundings, to show himself in his real guise, to be great among his fellows. The ambition, or prophecy, came true; and if, at the end of his days, Hans Christian realised that it had not come true by the process which he had anticipated, the triumph was no less real for that.

So sympathetic a piece of biography has seldom been written as Miss Toksvig's life of this ugly duckling. It is a sad story, and she does not spare us the sadness. It is searching and detailed, as befits the biography of a man who left behind a mass of evidence to his hopes and tribulations—both directly in his diaries and recollections, and indirectly in the tales which are an image of his life. It is one of those rare volumes of which we may say with a large measure of sureness that they will not be superseded.

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BE GOOD, SWEET MAID!

Advice to Young Ladies: from "The London Journal" of 1855 and 1862. Selected by R. D. London: Methuen. 5/- net.

THEY must have been nasty fellows in the 'fifties and 'sixties of last century. "Ada must not enter into any tender engagement without consulting her parents; society teems with well-bred adventurers," says *The London Journal* of the time. "Acquaintances with the other sex should be formed with excessive caution." "W.C., an orphan girl, is in great peril. The visitor is a monstrous scoundrel"; and let Clara Maud be warned by the recollection that "the serpent beguiled Eve, not on the threshold, but in the very garden of her home." Yet, if the gentlemen were almost universally serpents, the ladies were not, without exception, doves. Emilie B. earns this judicious rebuke from the fatherly editor of *The London Journal*: "Ben Jonson sang, 'Drink to me only with thine eyes,' and we fancy you have drunk rather too much with yours. We cannot lend any countenance to such glaring impropriety as trying 'to catch the gentleman's attention.'"

The perplexed Miranda is taught what she ought to know:—

"Two of your young lady (?) acquaintances smoke, do they? Depend upon it they have been keeping company with a couple of fast young men, and are themselves going too fast, either for healths or reputations. Having fallen so far, remonstrance would be useless. Of course, you have cut their acquaintance? Women who smoke must drink something stronger than tea."

Life, however, was not all sin—the 'fifties and 'sixties had room for the purest and tenderest emotions. For example, the blushful R.W. is reminded that:

"The present of a pair of embroidered braces to the young clergyman, previous to his leaving his curacy, was not inappropriate; but, if your description of him be a true one, we think he would have preferred that you should have expended the same amount of labour in some article to have been sold for the benefit of the poor."

The pictures are delicious.

JAMES JOYCE.

James Joyce. By Louis Golding. London: Thornton Butterworth. 4/6 net.

MR. GOLDING'S book is partly an autobiography of Joyce and partly a critical study of his work. It is inevitable, indeed, that any book on this writer should take that form; for the man and the artist are so intertwined in Joyce as to be almost inseparable. In "Portrait of the Artist" he dealt with his own adolescence; in "Ulysses" he was one of the two central figures, and, for all that we know, "Work in Progress" may be continuing his history.

In many respects this is a good study, but one is left with the feeling that it does not go deeply enough. It analyses the development of Joyce in a careful and convincing way, clears up certain aspects of "Ulysses," and gives a just appreciation of his work, but it makes little attempt to solve some questions that are very important.

"Work in Progress" is the largest of these questions. "Ulysses" will give up its meaning to anybody with sufficient patience to read it more than once, but no amount of re-reading seems to make sense of "Anna Livia Plurabelle" or "Haveth Childers Everywhere." Unless one is content to dismiss Joyce as an imbecile, this latest work is a complete mystery. As the work is still in progress, it would be unfair to ask for an explanation of the general design; but what of the style? By what process of thought does a man come to write: "Eins within a space, and a weary, wide space it wast ere wohned a Mookse"; and what does he mean when he has written it? One can hardly blame Mr. Golding for not knowing, but any authoritative work on Joyce ought to know.

THE BRITISH PAINTERS

An Introduction to English Painting. By John Rothenstein. London: Cassell. 10/6 net.

MR. ROTHENSTEIN'S book on English painting supplies a very real want, and has special interest at the moment when the Royal Academy contemplates an Exhibition of British Artists. Mr. Rothenstein eschews the moderns, but gives a faithful *résumé* of the work done by English artists from mediæval days to the time of Whistler. It has, naturally, been impossible for him to linger with much detail on even the most prominent of British artists, but he gives a concise and clear-cut guide to the development of English painting. He avoids the obvious in his selection of illustrations, and, though space does not permit of lengthy criticisms, his experience and his succinct observations are eminently valuable to the ordinary reader who takes an interest in pictures.

A TUDOR COTTAGE.

A Thatched Roof. By Beverley Nichols. London: Cape. 7/6 net.

EVERYBODY knows about Mr Beverley Nichols and his garden, and now everybody will have an opportunity of knowing all about the Tudor cottage in Huntingdonshire to which Mr. Nichols's garden forms such a perfect background. To the author it is the only cottage in the world, and he is the only creature in the world capable of decorating and furnishing it in the perfect way. In fact, he is so maddeningly pleased with himself that one cannot but feel glad that his rival cottager, Undine, and not he himself, discovered his cupboard with the old recipe book dated 1696. Incidentally, why this book should contain a recipe dated 1752 is not explained.

Mr. Nichols is an enthusiast, and his enthusiasm is infectious; but one questions the sincerity, or, rather, the constancy of his love. To him this "week-end cottage" is an enchantment—but would he be happy in it for ever? He does not really love country life; he shudders at frogs and dead rats and birds, and reminds us in many ways of Marie Antoinette playing the shepherdess in the gardens of Le Petit Trianon.

GAELIC BOOKS FOR CHILDREN.

UNLIKE their brethren in other countries, Irish publishers do not seem to cater for Gaelic-speaking children at Christmas-time. If it is true, as it is, that a greater number of books in Gaelic has been printed in 1933 than in any previous year, it is, unfortunately, true also that not a half-dozen of these would appeal to youngsters under ten or twelve years. **"Sidhe-Scéalta,"** an excellent translation by Brighid Ní Loingsigh of Edmund Leamy's "Irish Fairy Tales" (Government Publications Sales Office, 2s. net) might be made to serve this purpose. This contains the original illustrations, and a *facsimile* of Father O'Growney's letter asking Leamy's permission to translate some of the stories, but lacks the original introduction contributed by the late John Redmond. Into this service, too, might be pressed Seosaimhín Bean Mhic Néill's **"Finnsgéalta ó India"** (Educational Company of Ireland, 1s. net), with its pleasing illustrations by the youthful Máire and Róisín Nic Néill. Even more suitable is Proinnsias O Brógáin's translation of Leamy's "The Fairy Minstrel of Glenmalure" under the title, **"Píobaire Sidhe Ghleann Maoiliughra"** (Government Publications Sales Office, 2s. net), again with the original illustrations. The two Leamy books have the advantage of delightful and characteristic covers by Olive Cunningham; but why have the publishers chosen different translators for the same author? Older children and their elders will be interested in An Seabhac's admirable modernisation of the famous **"Eachtra Thaidhg Mhic Céin"** (Educational Company, 8d.), with an O Monacháin cover, although it is primarily intended as a school-text. To the more pious may be recommended An tAthair Pádhraic Mac Aodha's Roman Catholic prayer-book, **"Leabhrán Urnaighthe na Ceathramhan Ruaidhe,"** in prose and verse, from bleak Carrowroe (James Duffy, 1s. paper, 2s. 6d. cloth). Of these five books "*Sidhe-Scéalta*" is the only one printed in Roman type.

THE CHRISTMA[S] MESSAGE.

MEN OF GOOD-WI[LL].

From Our Church of Irela[nd] Correspondent.

"I SHALL be glad when Chri[stmas is] over: it is really a time [for] children only," is a rem[ark fre]quently heard in these days. It [is to be] feared that it betokens a lack of [...] of the real meaning of the festival[...] all, the Christmas message is: "Goo[d tidings of] great joy which shall be to *all* th[e people]; and even the most crabbed cynic h[as] things for which to be thankful at [Christmas] —the temporary release from the [...] business worries, the slipping o[ff of the] entanglement of conflicting interest[s in which] he is enmeshed, or the enjoymen[t of a] life, of which the busy man sees so [little].

There are very few adults to whom [the story] of the first Christmas does not m[ean some]thing, and who do not find real ple[asure in re]garding the beautiful simplicity of [...] At the same time it must be con[fessed that] many fail to understand the de[ep truth] enshrined in the simple story.

"God with us." This is the k[ey of the] message. God, giving us Him[self ...] faith as He brings life out of th[e ...] which destroys into the light w[...] In St. Paul's fine phrase: "He br[ought ...] light by the Gospel." "He can[ie unto His] own, and they that were His o[wn received] Him not"; that fact lies behi[nd the] content which voices itself in [the opening] phrase of this article: for there [is no] happiness or hope until He is [born in] hearts and life is made the fulfi[lment of His] purpose. It is "among men of [good will"] that the peace of God is found[...] men who have "God with us" [as the] secret of life, and live by [...] obedience."

Our ideas of God determine [...] life and give direction and forc[e to what we] do. He is compelling as well a[s ...] obeying of the compelling power [...] new life. The question of Go[d must] be settled, the awareness of H[im must] be felt, before it can be hope[d to] solve the world's great pr[oblems ...] Christmas feeling does not rem[ain ...] through life, because it is n[ot realised] that He comes to the life of [...] to the world's life, only as [...] again and again into His Spir[it].

Christmas offers an occasio[n for re]birth, with its power of inspi[ration to] fashion a new world. Inste[ad ...] this gift of grace most are [...] away from it. They do [...] reminded that there are tests [...] that honesty in facing issues [...] out, or that "we cannot use [...] the angels to recommend [...] Caiaphas." Neither the ind[ividual nor the] world can hope to be saved [without con]version; no child can be brou[ght forth] without the pangs of travail. [...] the best, but emancipation [...] pain and suffering and self-[...]

The people who know are [...] at Christmastime. In the [...] pears the Light-bringer bring[ing dis]illusionment, peace amid st[rife ...] ground to changes of time [...] an inspiration for the day.

THE GAELIC T[HEATRE].

At the last meeting of t[he ...] Comhar Drámaidheachta [...] changing into new quarte[rs ...] An announcement will shor[tly ...] subject. The Aisteoirí are [...] ing "Il Centenario," a [...] Tomás O hEidhneacháin [...] Arrangements are well u[nder way for a] public dinner at which the [...] to last year's successful [...] made. These consist of [...] laurel leaf in relief, in gol[d ...] respectively. The dinn[er ...] January. Mr. Seán O [...] is in charge of the a[...] annual céilidhe of the Co[...] in February.

RECENT FICTION.

Madam Gold. By Hilda W. Lewis. Hurst and Blackett. 7/6 net.

CLOSING "Madam Gold" on the sadness of its last pages, the reader will be convinced that Miss Hilda Lewis has written a fine book, and has created an exquisitely human character. Throughout the vicissitudes of her life "Madam Gold" strove with intense singleness of purpose for the object of her desires. It was a hard life, a cruel life, but—so realistically does Miss Lewis handle her tale—a real life. Esther Gold has married her employer, and in dual harness the business continues to thrive. With the advent of her only child, she withdraws from commercial life, and devotes herself to, and almost worships, the child; but the business fails, and poverty drives them to the East End of London, where they open a small shop. Determined to regain all that they had lost, so as to give her daughter every chance in life, Esther toils on, winning fresh wealth and power in this second venture, only to come to the bitter realisation that Gerda has grown to prefer her aunt's company to her mother's. With widowhood comes a definite break between mother and daughter, but lonely middle-age is tinged with a happier realisation that, even so, there is one man who finds her still desirable. Esther Gold, however, must still work, plan, and make money; she must not fail; and it is only at the end of her life that her friends and relations realise that not one of them has helped or appreciated her as was her due.

Victorian Ghost Stories. Edited by Montague Summers. Fortune Press. 7/6 net.

To read, or with some it is to re-read, this collection of Victorian ghost stories, is to perceive something of the havoc of time. Every age needs its peculiar stimulus to the sense of horror before the cold shiver runs up the spine; and, ungrateful though it seems, we doubt whether many readers of the nineteen-thirties will find a shiver in the lot. The loss, no doubt, is our own. There is good writing in this book, and some of the stories have an ingenuity which makes up for their failure to haunt us in dreams, but the paraphernalia of Victorian spookiness is dull and dusty stuff to-day. That we should turn impatiently even from such a master of his craft as Sheridan Le Fanu to a poorly-written new novel about blunt instruments is sad, but it is always the fate of a writer who is out to thrill. As for "the dead man who stared with long glazed eyes from the shadowed gallery; the foul sneering demon who bore away the sexton's evil corpse . . ." and the other heroes on the dust-jacket, they may be excellent fellows in their way, but their technique is, definitely, behind the times.

The Hungry Hills. By W. R. Calvert. Putnam. 7/6 net.

The hungry hills are the gaunt mountains of Cumberland. The hungry farm at their feet is Ruddlehow, "a bonny spot." Farmers of poor land, however, have little time in which to admire the scenery. Allan Musgrave, with whose birth the story begins, had an uneasy childhood, with little real love from anyone but the maid, Sarah, and with fear as his constant companion. For an imaginative, sensitive boy, Allan came through it all with surprisingly few scars. This is a powerful story of life as it is lived in a district where weakness has no chance. The author's descriptions of the hills that he knows so well, as of many of the old Cumberland customs, are vivid and invigorating.

Dawn to Dusk. By Josephine Wilson. Gill. 6/- net.

Left an orphan by the death of his father, Donald Harte is adopted by an uncle and aunt, who take him to live with them in the country. Young Harte develops a striking talent for the violin, and leaves the country in order to study abroad. He also leaves behind him his sweetheart and cousin Eily Reilly. While Donald is away Eily becomes affianced to, and eventually marries, another. In time Donald Harte also marries, and the real story of the book is the story of their different married lives and the fate of their children, subtly woven against a background of Irish life. Mrs. Wilson has invested her story with tender sentiment and fine feeling. She writes well, and elaborates her plot with skill.

Three Novels (Out of Due Time: One Poor Scruple: The Job Secretary). By Mrs. Wilfrid Ward. Sheed and Ward. 8/6 net.

This omnibus volume contains a preface by Mr. Alfred Noyes, who describes the writing of the late Mrs. Wilfrid Ward as "a quiet gift." For the Roman Catholic reader it is something more—a joyous inspiration, a spur to greater endeavour, and an example of the application of Roman Catholic principles to everyday life. There is nothing controversial, however, about these stories; they are so obviously written for the believer. There is, nevertheless, a certain amount of attraction in them for the non-Catholic; though one would suppose that there would be a preference for something with a little more "body" in it. The first novel tackles the problem of the modernist mind; the second centres round a young widow, who resists the temptation to marry a divorced man; but the third—the shortest—contains the most entertainment value, and deals with an author who employs a girl to make suggestions on the correct reactions of his heroines.

Renewal. By Ambrose South. Grayson. 7/6 net.

Miss South has added another volume to the life story of the Canleys—Hughie, the maimed and nerve-wracked ex-Service man, with his most lovable, if rather inefficient wife, and the children, who grow up somehow in the poverty-stricken atmosphere of a badly run poultry farm. In "Renewal" there is less of the stark grimness of the other books. Some of the children have married, and there is none of the sordidness of an overcrowded, moneyless house, whose master is physically and mentally tortured. Clara's love means a great deal to Hughie and to their children, but her attempts at methodical housewifery are pathetically ineffective. Miss South is a realist, with a passionate sympathy for the human wreckage of the Great War.

Death Duel. By Anne Hocking. Stanley Paul. 7/6 net.

"Death Duel" introduces again the sinister Vicomte who has figured in an earlier novel by the same author, and is presented to the reader as an incarnation of all that is evil. Truth to tell, he does little in this book to live up to his reputation. He does not even commit a murder; for Gillian contrives to catch his arm on the only occasion on which he is about to act with abandoned wickedness. However, he is evidently an evil fellow, and the story is pleasantly written enough to gain our sympathy for the courageous Gillian, who places herself in what, we are told, was hideous peril, in order to unmask him.

LIVING VERSE.

The Albatross Book of Living Verse. Edited by Louis Untermeyer. London: Collins. 5/- net.

WHAT is living verse? Mr. Untermeyer tells us in his introduction that his selections are living poetry, in the sense that they have persisted in spite of changing times and shifting tastes. Here is collected the best of English poetry as, in the opinion of Mr. Untermeyer, it appears to the nineteen-thirties. An anthology, however, cannot confine itself to verse which has survived the test of generations, and such newer poems as are included here are chosen by another test—they are said to possess some unmistakeable quality of permanence.

For ourselves we welcome anthologies published on any excuse or none. The "Albatross Book" is extremely ambitious in scope, generous in quantity, and more than reasonable in price; yet both of the tests used in the editor's choice are difficult to apply. Who shall say that "Where the remote Bermudas ride" has disappeared under the corroding influence of time, while the tiresome echo-rhymes of Herbert have stood the test? Is there no public now for Prior's anapests? Do people in the streets of Boston recite "Love brought me to a silent grove," and look with disdain upon Herrick's "Thanksgiving to God for his house"? No editor can hope to hold the balance in such matters. The most that he can do, if he wishes to represent in a little room all that is best in so great a literature, is to apply a more critical judgment to certain poems which have gained immortality through the aberrations of earlier selectors. That he will make new mistakes of his own is certain, but curiosities of choice are the spice of an anthology to all good readers. Blessings will be heaped upon Mr. Untermeyer's head because he has refused admittance to the egregious "A garden is a lonesome thing, God wot!" (though who will venture to say that it has not persisted in spite of time and tastes?) but those who praise him most for his triumphs of omission will look grave at the absence of "The Scholar Gipsy," and will knit their brows at—

> Away went the messenger's bicycle,
> His serpent's trail went up the hill forever.
> And all the time she stood there hot as fever
> And cold as any icicle.

As an editor's choice among the older poems must descend, no matter what his protestations, to personal taste, so, in the newer, the pleasure taken in a poem which happens to satisfy a passing phase of emotion often must be mistaken for an "unmistakeable quality of permanence." On Page 556, for example, one of the delicious freaks of arrangement which we look to find in an anthology brings together Vachel Lindsay and Mr. Padraic Colum—

> Bands a-playing every day.
> What?
> Well, almost every day.
> I am the Kallyope, Kallyope, Kallyope!
> Willy willy willy wah Hoo!
> Hoot toot, hoot toot,
> Whoop whoop whoop whoop,
> Willy willy willy wah Hoo!
> Siss, fizz. . . . .

This is followed by—

> And I am praying to God on high,
> And I am praying Him night and day,
> For a little house—a house of my own—
> Out of the wind's and the rain's way.

That Mr. Lindsay may have had something of great importance to say in "The Kallyope Yell" is no more to the point than that Mr. Untermeyer might have done better than he has for the Irish poet. If it comes down to a question of permanence, it becomes apparent that with one writer we have a highly individual approach to his own generation, and that behind the other lies the strong and broad tradition of lyrical English.

Of the twentieth century poetry criticism is forestalled to some extent by the obvious limitations of copyright. To this handicap, no doubt, we may ascribe the extreme conventionality of choice which makes the "Albatross Book" no more representative than earlier anthologies of the best in modern Irish verse. One of the remarkable features of this collection is its inclusion of American poetry. Much of it is interesting enough in certain ways to make somewhat ungracious the criticism that, as poetry, it is extremely disappointing outside two or three of the earlier great names.

By modernising much of the pre-Elizabethan verse and the ballads Mr. Untermeyer has revived an old controversy in which we need not join. The principle seems to do no great harm to Chaucer, where the new versions may, perhaps, lead some readers to the real text on the opposite page. More remarkable seems his deliberate omission from a long passage of the famous wish that Austyn might have his swynk to him reserved. Where the original version is not given the practice of modernisation is more than doubtful. The ballad of "Lord Randal" appears in a version which robs it of most of its force, and "King John and the Abbot" is, frankly, not worth its place after successive tinkerings. Modernisation, unfortunately, seems to involve emasculation, as in the carol, "I sing of a maiden," where the change of "makeless" to "matchless" brings in a feeble and conventional word which almost certainly alters the meaning.

PRIZES FOR CIVIC GUARDS.

PRESENTED BY CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

An interesting function took place yesterday at the headquarters of the Civic Guards, Kilmainham, when the Chief Commissioner, Colonel Broy, presented prizes awarded to Guards in the literary competitions held under the auspices of "The Garda Review."

The prize-winners were Guard James Donohoe, of Rathmullen, County Donegal, for a poem, entitled "The Challenge Cup," and Guard John Dunne, of Newmarket, County Cork, for a short story, entitled "The Recruit." Guard Donohoe is a native of Ballymahon, County Longford, whilst Guard Dunne is a native of Dublin.

Making the presentations, which consisted of Christmas hampers, Colonel Broy said he had read all the articles, and he was glad to see such evidence of literary talent among the members of the Garda Siochana. They had many worries, but he was glad to see that, in spite of that, they had mental energies left for other things. This was only in keeping with the traditions of their people. The action of the "Garda Review" in initiating these competitions was very praiseworthy, and he thanked General Murphy and Mr. P. A. Sheehan, editor of the "Review," for their efforts in the matter. The task of judging the articles submitted had been no easy one, but they had done the work well. He hoped that the competitions would be continued, and he understood that there would be a competition in Irish next year.

Those present with Commissioner Broy were General W. R. E. Murphy, Superintendent P. J. Carroll, Sergeant P. J. Gallagher, and Mr. P. A. Sheehan, editor of the "Garda Review."

FREE STATE BUTTER STOCKS.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

The following table, which has been compiled by the Free State Department of Agriculture from returns furnished under the Dairy Produce Act, 1931, shows the quantity of butter held on the 15th instant in all public cold stores in Saorstat Eireann, and at the premises of manufacturers of creamery and factory butter and principal merchants. The figures do not include the day-to-day stocks in the hands of shopkeepers.

Held in public cold stores for	Creamery. Butter. Cwts.	Factory and other Butter. Cwts.
(a) Dairy Disposal Company and creamery proprietors	30,347	
(b) Other persons	17,515	7,649
Held at creameries	17,333	
Held at merchants' premises and butter factories	3,764	6,858
Totals on Dec. 15	68,959	14,507
Totals on Nov. 30	70,647	16,185

In the period from the 1st to the 15th December the production of creamery butter was, approximately, 12,292 cwts. Public cold stores received 2,088 cwts., and the withdrawals amounted to 2,744 cwts., leaving a net movement of 656 cwts. of creamery butter out of public cold stores.

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FROM THE NORTHERN CAPITAL.

Government and Distress Relief : Banning the Tricolour : Poor Shipyard Year : Loan Guarantees : New Transport Bills : Wheat Grievance : New Broadcasting Station.

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

BELFAST, Friday.

THAT the Northern Parliament should adjourn for the Christmas recess is reasonable enough, but that it should have such a long holiday as that involved in an adjournment to the 6th March, after sitting only three days, naturally lends support to adverse criticism. This is particularly the case when the Government did not make any statement or give any indication of its attitude concerning future grants to distress relief work schemes in Belfast. The Government was paying fifty per cent. of the cost of such schemes, but some months ago announced the withdrawal of these grants for future schemes pending the publication of the new unemployment insurance scheme in Great Britain and how it might be possible to adopt it in Northern Ireland. A new bill following the lines of the British measure has been introduced formally, but it will not be passed until after the Parliament assembles in March. In the meantime the Belfast Corporation is in "Queer street." It is faced with the cost of outdoor relief maintenance for those who have been employed upon distress relief schemes. Without any Government assistance this would be a huge burden upon the Belfast ratepayers and lead to an increase of rates of over 1s. in the £. The Corporation must know before the end of the financial year in March what assistance it is to get from Government sources for relief, otherwise it will have to strike a substantial rate increase for next year. Even though Parliament has adjourned, it seems essential that the Government should have a conference with the Corporation early in the new year upon this point.

BANNING THE TRICOLOUR.

Anyone acquainted with political feeling in the North realised that the lavish display of the Free State tricolour at political meetings on behalf of the I.R.A. candidates in the recent Northern general election would have certain reactions when the election was over. One of these has been the banning of the tricolour in Northern Ireland when used as the symbol of Republicans or the I.R.A. organisation. It has been suggested by several speakers in the Northern Parliament this week that this was an insult to a Dominion flag and to a country which forms part of the British Commonwealth of Nations, but it was made clear by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Home Affairs that there is no intention of prohibiting the flying of the Free State flag when it is used as the flag of a Dominion on appropriate occasions, and when it is not calculated to lead to a breach of the peace. The Free State flag was flown in this manner, for instance, at the T.T. Motor Race, when there was a car driven by a native of the Free State, along with the flags of the nationality of other entrants. But when it is used by organisations which boast of their determination to change the Free State Constitution so that it will no longer be a Dominion of the British Commonwealth of Nations, but a Republic, it can hardly be said that under such circumstances it is being used as a "Dominion flag." The attitude of the Northern Home Office for the future seems to be: The tricolour can be flown as a Dominion flag on appropriate occasions, but will not be allowed to be flown as a symbol of Republicanism or when its display may lead to a breach of the peace. That the same flag is used in a dual capacity in the South is a matter for the Free State, but in Northern Ireland it will only be permitted as the official flag of the Free State Dominion.

POOR SHIPYARD YEAR.

The year just closing has been one of the worst experienced in the history of Belfast shipbuilding. Messrs. Harland and Wolff, Ltd., had no launches at Belfast, and Messrs. Workman Clark (1928), Ltd., launched only two vessels—small passenger-cargo steamers, each of 7,000 tons. In 1930 twenty-six vessels of 168,201 tons were launched; in 1931 six vessels of 79,434 tons, and in 1932 one vessel of 5,740 tons—which was the low-water mark of the shipbuilding slump. In the coming year the shipyards will show a return to more normal conditions; for there are nine vessels at present on the stocks or on order, and there is a prospect of several more orders within the next few months. Five of the new vessels are being constructed by Messrs. Harland and Wolff, and four by Messrs. Workman Clark, while the former firm, in addition to the machinery for the liners they are building, are constructing geared turbine machinery for the Royal Mail liners Asturias and Alcantara—which is the largest marine engineering order on hand in the British Isles at present. Messrs. Workman Clark are fitting exhaust turbo-electric equipment to four City liners, and have already similarly equipped the City of Venice and City of Kimberley. Belfast, in common with other shipbuilding centres, has passed through a period of deep depression, but the horizon is much brighter.

LOAN GUARANTEES.

Labour members in the British Parliament who represent Clydeside Divisions frequently protest against the Northern Government's Loan Guarantee Acts, which they allege give Belfast shipbuilders an unfair advantage over shipbuilders on the Clyde, Tyne and other centres. Mr. Kirkwood, the member for Dumbarton, was particularly active in this connection a few days ago, and actually suggested, apparently without any knowledge of the real facts, that Belfast shipbuilders were receiving grants out of money paid by Great Britain to Northern Ireland. Nothing could be further from the truth, and it is strange that such a suggestion should be made when the British Government is about to give financial facilities to complete the new Cunarder on the Clyde. The Northern Minister of Finance, Mr. Pollock, however, has made the position perfectly clear. He stated that no loans have been given to Belfast shipbuilders. The orders for the building of ships are secured by open competition, in which Belfast shipbuilders have no privileges or advantages whatever. What the Northern Loan Guarantee Acts are for is very simple. In proper circumstances, regarding security, standing of the firm and other matters, the Northern Government may guarantee at a bank or banks a loan, not to the builder, but to the owner of a vessel, but this cannot affect the shipbuilding firm which enters the market on a purely competitive basis. A number of vessels have been built in Belfast in recent years without the Government guarantee arrangement, and several of the owners of ships now on order have not applied for the Government guarantee.

TRANSPORT BILLS.

In the spring the Northern Government intends to introduce a measure to institute a system of supervision and control over all classes of goods-carrying vehicles. The main object of the bill will be to ensure that vehicles of this class used on the roads are in proper mechanical condition and that the drivers are capable of controlling them properly. The rapid development of motor transport, and particularly the increase of goods carrying vehicles, has been giving the Government considerable concern. There has been no co-ordinate system of control or supervision, and opportunities were afforded to unscrupulous owners to place on the roads vehicles which by reason of their defective condition were a danger to other users of the road. The bill will also contain other provisions dealing with traffic generally, with the object of effecting a more complete system of supervision and control. Railway workers and shareholders have complained for some years of the unfair competition provided by motor lorries which pick the best of the goods traffic at unremunerative rates, and are able to operate without complying with any regulations for control. A bill is to be introduced also to relieve the railways of some of the hampering restrictions now imposed upon them.

WHEAT SUBSIDY GRIEVANCE.

Northern Ireland has just cause for complaint at the operation of the wheat quota system. The British Government, in order to develop wheat-growing, fixed a quota system and encouraged farmers to grow wheat so that the country would not have to rely to the same extent upon outside sources. Northern Ireland is involved in the quota scheme, and Northern millers, it is estimated, have paid about £200,000 as quota payments, while Northern Ireland farmers have been able to draw only about £6,500 from the wheat subsidy. This is due to the fact that Northern Ireland is not suitable for wheat cultivation upon a large scale both by reason of the climate and the condition of the soil. It is, however, a large oat-growing area, and it has been suggested that the Northern Ireland portion of the wheat quota payments less than actually paid to Northern farmers as wheat subsidy should be utilised as a subsidy for oats. It is understood that a subsidy for oats will be put into operation soon, although the grievance in regard to wheat is likely to continue. Under these circumstances the Northern Government will have a strong case in approaching the British Minister of Agriculture in regard to the threatened swamping of the British market with Canadian store cattle next year. Over 200,000 head of cattle were exported from Northern Ireland last year, and anything which would endanger that trade would cause serious financial loss to Northern Ireland, and indirectly loss also to the British Exchequer. It was never intended, even under the Ottawa agreement, that United Kingdom farmers should suffer in order to give an advantage to Dominion farmers.

NEW BROADCASTING STATION.

The new broadcasting station for Northern Ireland is to be erected near Lisburn, and will be of much larger power than the existing station in Belfast. It is declared that it will be possible for "listeners" to get good reception, even with a crystal set, in any part of the Northern area. The British Broadcasting Corporation, which controls the wireless station in Belfast, has been slow in giving to Northern Ireland the benefit of a more powerful installation. Several years ago it was stated that a new station would be erected in Belfast, but nothing definite was done to achieve that desirable end. By removing the new station some ten miles from Belfast, it is hoped to improve the transmission to every part of Northern Ireland, and at the same time prevent the new station "drowning" the reception of other stations by Belfast listeners. Since the opening of the new broadcasting station at Athlone, Belfast listeners have taken full advantage of the alternative programme offered to them, and many would be sorry if the new Belfast station would interfere unduly with the reception of the Athlone programmes. While the new broadcasting station will be removed ten miles from Belfast, the studio will remain in the city, and will be enlarged and improved.

PRIZES FOR CIVIC GUARDS.

PRESENTED BY CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

An interesting function took place yesterday at the headquarters of the Civic Guards, Kilmainham, when the Chief Commissioner, Colonel Broy, presented prizes awarded to Guards in the literary competitions held under the auspices of "The Garda Review."

The prize-winners were Guard James Donohoe, of Rathmullen, County Donegal, for a poem, entitled "The Challenge Cup," and Guard John Dunne, of Newmarket, County Cork, for a short story, entitled "The Refuge." Guard Donohoe is a native of Ballymahon, County Longford, whilst Guard Dunne is a native of Dublin.

Making the presentations, which consisted of Christmas hampers, Colonel Broy said he had read all the articles, and he was glad to see such evidence of literary talent among the members of the Garda Siochana. They had many worries, but he was glad to see that, in spite of that, they had mental energies left for other things. This was only in keeping with the traditions of their people. The action of the "Garda Review" in initiating these competitions was very praiseworthy, and he thanked General Murphy and Mr. P. A. Sheehan, editor of the "Review," for their efforts in the matter. The task of judging the articles submitted had been no easy one, but they had done the work well. He hoped that the competitions would be continued, and he understood that there would be a competition in Irish next year.

Those present with Commissioner Broy were General W. R. E. Murphy, Superintendent P. J. Carroll, Sergeant P. J. Gallagher, and Mr. P. A. Sheehan, editor of the "Garda Review."

FREE STATE BUTTER STOCKS.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

The following table, which has been compiled by the Free State Department of Agriculture from returns furnished under the Dairy Produce Act, 1931, shows the quantity of butter held on the 15th instant in all public cold stores in Saorstat Eireann, and at the premises of manufacturers of creamery and factory butter and principal merchants. The figures do not include the day-to-day stocks in the hands of shopkeepers.

Held in public cold stores for	Creamery. Butter. Cwts.	Factory and other Butter. Cwts.
(a) Dairy Disposal Company and creamery proprietors	30,347	
(b) Other persons	17,515	7,649
Held at creameries	17,333	
Held at merchants' premises and butter factories	3,764	6,858
Totals on Dec. 15	68,959	14,507
Totals on Nov. 30	70,647	16,185

In the period from the 1st to the 15th December the production of creamery butter was, approximately, 12,292 cwts. Public cold stores received 2,088 cwts., and the withdrawals amounted to 2,744 cwts., leaving a net movement of 656 cwts. of creamery butter out of public cold stores.

PATENTS, TRADE MARKS, DESIGNS.
W. E. Doyle, Patent Agent, 95 Mid. Abbey st., Dublin.—(Advt.)

BOOKS OF THE WEEK.

"LE DIEU DE LA DANSE."

Nijinsky. By Romola Nijinsky. London: Gollancz. 10/6 net.

WHETHER the world has ever produced a greater dancer than Vaslav Nijinsky is very doubtful; that it has produced none to equal him in our time is certain. If that fact were not admitted universally, one might be inclined to deprecate Madame Nijinsky's admiration of her husband as something too intense to be communicated without sacrilege into print; but, as things are, she can produce chapter and verse, underlined by the world's opinion, to excuse it. She has written, at all events, an admirable biography, as much of herself as of her husband. There is no reticence about it. She discusses her own pursuit of Nijinsky as freely as she tells of his relations with Sergei de Diaghileff, the disruption of which, she contends, provoked the great impresario to unrelenting hostility against her husband. We cannot tell how far her presentation of Nijinsky, the man, is coloured by her own affection and admiration; he seems at times almost too good to have been true, but her account is the more attractive for that defect, if it exists. She has a thorough acquaintance with the art of the ballet—having followed the Russians in their entire wanderings—and her history of Nijinsky as an artist owes little to the critics or to public opinion.

It is a splendid, and yet a tragic, tale. Less than twenty years ago Nijinsky was the king of the dance, acknowledged as such in every capital of Europe and America. Furthermore, he had begun to revolutionise the art of the ballet with his own compositions—"L'Après-midi d'un Faune," "Jeux" and "Sacré du Printemps." To-day he is withdrawn from the world, in the seclusion of insanity, the seclusion whither so many great artists have preceded him. His fame, of course, is still, and always will be, a byword of the theatre. Yet it is well that his humanity has been communicated to paper so worthily by one who knew him and loved him well. Her book is as fine a tribute as wife has ever paid to husband.

BE GOOD, SWEET MAID!

Advice to Young Ladies: from "The London Journal" of 1855 and 1862. Selected by R. D. London: Methuen. 5/- net.

THEY must have been nasty fellows in the 'fifties and 'sixties of last century. "Ada must not enter into any tender engagement without consulting her parents; society teems with well-bred adventurers," says *The London Journal* of the time. "Acquaintances with the other sex should be formed with excessive caution." "W.C., an orphan girl, is in great peril. The visitor is a monstrous scoundrel"; and let Clara Maud be warned by the recollection that "the serpent beguiled Eve, not on the threshold, but in the very garden of her home." Yet, if the gentlemen were almost universally serpents, the ladies were not, without exception, doves. Emilie B. earns this judicious rebuke from the fatherly editor of *The London Journal*: "Ben Jonson sang, 'Drink to me only with thine eyes;' and we fancy you have drunk rather too much with yours. We cannot lend any countenance to such glaring impropriety as trying 'to catch the gentleman's attention.'"

The perplexed Miranda is taught what she ought to know:

"Two of your young lady (?) acquaintances smoke, do they? Depend upon it they have been keeping company with a couple of fast young men, and are themselves going too fast, either for healths or reputations. Having fallen so far, remonstrance would be useless. Of course, you have cut their acquaintance? Women who smoke must drink something stronger than tea."

Life, however, was not all sin—the 'fifties and 'sixties had room for the purest and tenderest emotions. For example, the blushful R.W. is reminded that:

"The present of a pair of embroidered braces to the young clergyman, previous to his leaving his curacy, was not inappropriate; but, if your description of him be a true one, we think he would have preferred that you should have expended the same amount of labour in some article to have been sold for the benefit of the poor."

The pictures are delicious.

A GERMAN HISTORY OF IRELAND.

A History of Ireland. Translated from the German by Julius Pokorny, Ph.D., LL.D., Litt. Celt., D.H.C., by Dr. Séana D. King. Foreword by J. M. Hone. Dublin: The Talbot Press. 8/6 net.

DR. POKORNY has taken exceptionally deep interest for many years in Ireland and Irish affairs. As a distinguished specialist in the Celtic languages and literature, modern and ancient, he is in the direct line of the great German scholars, beginning with Zeuss, but not ending, fortunately, with Kuno Meyer. His interest, moreover, has not been solely academic. It has been warmed by undisguised sympathy with Irish nationalism, political and cultural, and inspired by personal contact with the Ireland of to-day. It was this sympathy which prompted him to publish in German in 1916 the work on Irish history of which the Talbot Press has now printed an English translation by Dr. Séana King. For this translation the original text has been revised and, in some places, expanded.

To most readers the most important and stimulating section of the book will be the long second chapter on "Keltic Ireland to the Time of the English Conquest." This is a definite contribution to Irish historical study, and to its writing the author has brought deep scholarship, boldness of spirit and welcome originality. On the pre-Norman period he does not differ materially from MacNeill and other modern authorities, and believers in Irish tribalism or Gaelic Communism will get little comfort from his pages. Since his book was first written, however, Dr. Pokorny has reached the conclusion that the earliest Celtic groups arrived here at a much earlier approximate date than MacNeill or others will accept—in fact, as far back as 900-800 B.C. It is in this chapter, too, that he gives such evidence as he has found for Mediterranean and Arctic elements in the population before the Gaels came. It was this new light on the pre-Celtic aborigines that startled readers of a lecture delivered by Dr. Pokorny at University College, Dublin, a few years ago. Dr. Pokorny does not carry this point much further than to claim that "there are traces of Arctic cultural influences in the British Islands." In support he instances "the Irish skin-boats, especially the round coracles used on the Boyne" as "a legacy from the Arctic culture-province," the name *Fír-Bholg* as applied to the aboriginal users of these skin-boats, and Cú Chulain's mysterious weapon, the famous *gae bolga*, as "doubtless identical with the Eskimo harpoon."

For the earlier periods, and, to a less extent, the modern period, Dr. Pokorny gives special attention to the cultural movements and intellectual life. He treats of the state of agriculture, trade and commerce in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, but not always with up-to-date material. He has little to say of social life or conditions, and shows scant sympathy with any political element except Sinn Fein. Throughout the book he makes good use of the best modern authorities, continental as well as Irish.

Mr. Hone contributes as foreword a well-balanced appreciation of the author, and he is not alone in deploring the fact that in the University of Berlin Dr. Pokorny has been deprived, through "the race theories of the Nazi *régime*," of his Professorship of Celtic.

Certain errors of fact mar an otherwise excellent study. These errors include wrong dates, and in the modern period what amount to misleading impressions. It is not true to say that Sir Roger Casement went to Germany "to take refuge from the murderous attacks of English agents at Oslo": his main object was much more ambitious than that. "All the signatories" of the Easter Week Proclamation were not "shot within twenty-four hours"—nor, indeed, were any of them. The first three were executed three or four days after their surrender, the last two—Connolly and MacDermott—a fortnight after their surrender. "Many others . . . . were also executed" is an exaggeration. Mr. de Valera's "dramatic escape from an English prison" took place in 1919, and not in 1917, just before his election for East Clare. The Irish Republican Brotherhood was founded in Dublin, not Paris; there was never any such person as "Sir Herbert Henry Asquith"; it is not correct to refer to English regiments as "ordered to go to the defence of Irish Nationalists against Ulster," or to the I.R.B. as following for years "a policy of pacifism." John Redmond and Shane O'Neill were far apart in time and in character, but the former was not "won over by the attractions of London society and the glitter of English gold and English honours," and the latter was not "slain by assassins hired by the English," however welcome to London and Dublin that chief's tragic end may have been.

JAMES JOYCE.

James Joyce. By Louis Golding. London: Thornton Butterworth. 4/6 net.

MR. GOLDING'S book is partly an autobiography of Joyce and partly a critical study of his work. It is inevitable, indeed, that any book on this writer should take that form; for the man and the artist are so intertwined in Joyce as to be almost inseparable. In "Portrait of the Artist" he dealt with his own adolescence; in "Ulysses" he was one of the two central figures, and, for all that we know, "Work in Progress" may be continuing his history.

In many respects this is a good study, but one is left with the feeling that it does not go deeply enough. It analyses the development of Joyce in a careful and convincing way, clears up certain aspects of "Ulysses," and gives a just appreciation of his work, but it makes little attempt to solve some questions that are very important.

"Work in Progress" is the largest of these questions. "Ulysses" will give up its meaning to anybody with sufficient patience to read it more than once, but no amount of re-reading seems to make sense of "Anna Livia Plurabelle" or "Haveth Childers Everywhere." Unless one is content to dismiss Joyce as an imbecile, this latest work is a complete mystery. As the work is still in progress, it would be unfair to ask for an explanation of the general design; but what of the style? By what process of thought does a man come to write: "Eins within a space, and a weary, wide space it wast ere wohned a Mookse"; and what does he mean when he has written it? One can hardly blame Mr. Golding for not knowing, but any authoritative work on Joyce ought to know.

THE BRITISH PAINTERS

An Introduction to English Painting. By John Rothenstein. London: Cassell. 10/6 net.

MR. ROTHENSTEIN'S book on English painting supplies a very real want, and has special interest at the moment when the Royal Academy contemplates an Exhibition of British Artists. Mr. Rothenstein eschews the moderns, but gives a faithful *résumé* of the work done by English artists from mediæval days to the time of Whistler. It has, naturally, been impossible for him to linger with much detail on even the most prominent of British artists, but he gives a concise and clear-cut guide to the development of English painting. He avoids the obvious in his selection of illustrations, and, though space does not permit of lengthy criticisms, his experience and his succinct observations are eminently valuable to the ordinary reader who takes an interest in pictures.

A TUDOR COTTAGE.

A Thatched Roof. By Beverley Nichols. London: Cape. 7/6 net.

EVERYBODY knows about Mr Beverley Nichols and his garden, and now everybody will have an opportunity of knowing all about the Tudor cottage in Huntingdonshire to which Mr. Nichols's garden forms such a perfect background. To the author it is the only cottage in the world, and he is the only creature in the world capable of decorating and furnishing it in the perfect way. In fact, he is so maddeningly pleased with himself that one cannot but feel glad that his rival cottager, Undine, and not he himself, discovered his cupboard with the old recipe book dated 1698. Incidentally, why this book should contain a recipe dated 1752 is not explained.

Mr. Nichols is an enthusiast, and his enthusiasm is infectious; but one questions the sincerity, or, rather, the constancy of his love. To him this "week-end cottage" is an enchantment—but would he be happy in it for ever? He does not really love country life; he shudders at frogs and dead rats and birds, and reminds us in many ways of Marie Antoinette playing the shepherdess in the gardens of Le Petit Trianon.

THE UGLY DUCKLING.

The Life of Hans Christian Andersen. By Signe Toksvig. London: Macmillan. 10/6 net.

HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN was thirty before he published the first of his fairy tales. He was mildly surprised, and not particularly pleased or interested, when the little volume obtained an almost instantaneous success; for it was no part of his ambition to write such trifles as fairy tales. He wished to write plays which would be produced on famous stages, novels which would be read not only from every chair in Denmark, but in every country in the world, travel-books which would be full of the warm South, and would set him at once among the princes of letters. He accomplished none of these things; but it is clear from Miss Toksvig's charming biography that before the end of his life he had lost the desire to accomplish them, and that, having gained the applause and affection of the whole world for the trifles which he had considered unworthy of a serious artist, he was content.

The first half of Andersen's life was clouded with disappointment, but buoyed up by a magnificent, an almost superhuman, self-confidence. He was an ugly and gawky youth, slow at his lessons, a constant trial to his friends, a bore of the first magnitude. It is small wonder that his native village was not sorry to see his back when, as a boy, he left it in search of fame and appreciation in Copenhagen; and it is still less wonder that the friends in the capital, whose love and good opinion he strove so hard to maintain, were inclined to weary of him. The tales are his autobiography. His sorrows and triumph are crystallised in "The Ugly Duckling." The duckling, spurned and rejected by its companions, is Andersen himself; when it spreads its wings and shows itself a swan, the envy and admiration of the whole nest, it mirrors his aspiration to rise from his surroundings, to show himself in his real guise, to be great among his fellows. The ambition, or prophecy, came true; and if, at the end of his days, Hans Christian realised that it had not come true by the process which he had anticipated, the triumph was no less real for that.

So sympathetic a piece of biography has seldom been written as Miss Toksvig's life of this ugly duckling. It is a sad story, and she does not spare us the sadness. It is searching and detailed, as befits the biography of a man who left behind a mass of evidence to his hopes and tribulations—both directly in his diaries and recollections, and indirectly in the tales which are an image of his life. It is one of those rare volumes of which we may say with a large measure of sureness that they will not be superseded.

GAELIC BOOKS FOR CHILDREN.

UNLIKE their brethren in other countries, Irish publishers do not seem to cater for Gaelic-speaking children at Christmas-time. If it is true, as it is, that a greater number of books in Gaelic has been printed in 1933 than in any previous year, it is, unfortunately, true also that not a half-dozen of these would appeal to youngsters under ten or twelve years. **"Sidhe-Scéalta,"** an excellent translation by Brighid Ní Loinsigh of Edmund Leamy's "Irish Fairy Tales" (Government Publications Sales Office, 2s. net) might be made to serve this purpose. This contains the original illustrations, and a *facsimile* of Father O'Growney's letter asking Leamy's permission to translate some of the stories, but lacks the original introduction contributed by the late John Redmond. Into this service, too, might be pressed Seosaimhín Bean Mhic Néill's **"Finnsgéalta ó India"** (Educational Company of Ireland, 1s. net), with its pleasing illustrations by the youthful Máire and Róisín Nic Néill. Even more suitable is Proinnsias O Brógáin's translation of Leamy's "The Fairy Minstrel of Glenmalure" under the title, **"Píobaire Sidhe Ghleann Maoiliughra"** (Government Publications Sales Office, 2s. net), again with the original illustrations. The two Leamy books have the advantage of delightful and characteristic covers by Olive Cunningham; but why have the publishers chosen different translators for the same author? Older children and their elders will be interested in An Seabhac's admirable modernisation of the famous **"Eachtra Thaidhg Mhic Céin"** (Educational Company, 8d.), with an O Monacháin cover, although it is primarily intended as a school-text. To the more pious may be recommended An tAthair Pádhraic Mac Aodha's Roman Catholic prayer-book, **"Leabhrán Urnaighthe na Ceathramhan Ruaidhe,"** in prose and verse, from bleak Carrowroe (James Duffy, 1s. paper, 2s. 6d. cloth). Of these five books "*Sidhe-Scéalta*" is the only one printed in Roman type.

RECENT FICTION.

Madam Gold. By Hilda W. Lewis. Hurst and Blackett. 7/6 net.

CLOSING "Madam Gold" on the sadness of its last pages, the reader will be convinced that Miss Hilda Lewis has written a fine book, and has created an exquisitely human character. Throughout the vicissitudes of her life "Madam Gold" strove with intense singleness of purpose for the object of her desires. It was a hard life, a cruel life, but—so realistically does Miss Lewis handle her tale—a real life. Esther Gold has married her employer, and in dual harness the business continues to thrive. With the advent of her only child, she withdraws from commercial life, and devotes herself to, and almost worships, the child; but the business fails, and poverty drives them to the East End of London, where they open a small shop. Determined to regain all that they had lost, so as to give her daughter every chance in life, Esther toils on, winning fresh wealth and power in this second venture, only to come to the bitter realisation that Gerda has grown to prefer her aunt's company to her mother's. With widowhood comes a definite break between mother and daughter, but lonely middle-age is tinged with a happier realisation that, even so, there is one man who finds her still desirable. Esther Gold, however, must still work, plan, and make money; she must not fail; and it is only at the end of her life that her friends and relations realise that not one of them has helped or appreciated her as was her due.

Victorian Ghost Stories. Edited by Montague Summers. Fortune Press. 7/6 net.

To read, or with some it is to re-read, this collection of Victorian ghost stories, is to perceive something of the havoc of time. Every age needs its peculiar stimulus to the sense of horror before the cold shiver runs up the spine; and, ungrateful though it seems, we doubt whether many readers of the nineteen-thirties will find a shiver in the lot. The loss, no doubt, is our own. There is good writing in this book, and some of the stories have an ingenuity which makes up for their failure to haunt us in dreams, but the paraphernalia of Victorian spookiness is dull and dusty stuff to-day. That we should turn impatiently even from such a master of his craft as Sheridan Le Fanu to a poorly-written new novel about blunt instruments is sad, but it is always the fate of a writer who is out to thrill. As for "the dead man who stared with long glazed eyes from the shadowed gallery; the foul sneering demon who bore away the sexton's evil corpse . . . . ," and the other heroes on the dust-jacket, they may be excellent fellows in their way, but their technique is, definitely, behind the times.

The Hungry Hills. By W. R. Calvert. Putnam. 7/6 net.

The hungry hills are the gaunt mountains of Cumberland. The hungry farm at their feet is Ruddlehow, "a bonny spot." Farmers of poor land, however, have little time in which to admire the scenery. Allan Musgrave, with whose birth the story begins, had an uneasy childhood, with little real love from anyone but the maid, Sarah, and with fear as his constant companion. For an imaginative, sensitive boy, Allan came through it all with surprisingly few scars. This is a powerful story of life as it is lived in a district where weakness has no chance. The author's descriptions of the hills that he knows so well, as of many of the old Cumberland customs, are vivid and invigorating.

Dawn to Dusk. By Josephine Wilson. Gill. 6/- net.

Left an orphan by the death of his father, Donald Harte is adopted by an uncle and aunt, who take him to live with them in the country. Young Harte develops a striking talent for the violin, and leaves the country in order to study abroad. He also leaves behind him his sweetheart and cousin Eily Reilly. While Donald is away Eily becomes affianced to, and eventually marries, another. In time Donald Harte also marries, and the real story of the book is the story of their different married lives and the fate of their children, subtly woven against a background of Irish life. Mrs. Wilson has invested her story with tender sentiment and fine feeling. She writes well, and elaborates her plot with skill.

Three Novels (Out of Due Time: One Poor Scruple: The Job Secretary). By Mrs. Wilfrid Ward. Sheed and Ward. 8/6 net.

This omnibus volume contains a preface by Mr. Alfred Noyes, who describes the writing of the late Mrs. Wilfrid Ward as "a quiet gift." For the Roman Catholic reader it is something more—a joyous inspiration, a spur to greater endeavour, and an example of the application of Roman Catholic principles to everyday life. There is nothing controversial, however, about these stories; they are so obviously written for the believer. There is, nevertheless, a certain amount of attraction in them for the non-Catholic; though one would suppose that there would be a preference for something with a little more "body" in it. The first novel tackles the problem of the modernist mind; the second centres round a young widow, who resists the temptation to marry a divorced man; but the third—the shortest—contains the most entertainment value, and deals with an author who employs a girl to make suggestions on the correct reactions of his heroines.

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Miss South has added another volume to the life story of the Canleys—Hughie, the maimed and nerve-wracked ex-Service man, with his most lovable, if rather inefficient wife, and the children, who grow up somehow in the poverty-stricken atmosphere of a badly run poultry farm. In "Renewal" there is less of the stark grimness of the other books. Some of the children have married, and there is none of the sordidness of an overcrowded, moneyless house, whose master is physically and mentally tortured. Clara's love means a great deal to Hughie and to their children, but her attempts at methodical housewifery are pathetically ineffective. Miss South is a realist, with a passionate sympathy for the human wreckage of the Great War.

Death Duel. By Anne Hocking. Stanley Paul. 7/6 net.

"Death Duel" introduces again the sinister Vicomte who has figured in an earlier novel by the same author, and is presented to the reader as an incarnation of all that is evil. Truth to tell, he does little in this book to live up to his reputation. He does not even commit a murder; for Gillian contrives to catch his arm on the only occasion on which he is about to act with abandoned wickedness. However, he is evidently an evil fellow, and the story is pleasantly written enough to gain our sympathy for the courageous Gillian, who places herself in what, we are told, was hideous peril, in order to unmask him.

LIVING VERSE.

The Albatross Book of Living Verse. Edited by Louis Untermeyer. London: Collins. 5/- net.

WHAT is living verse? Mr. Untermeyer tells us in his introduction that his selections are living poetry, in the sense that they have persisted in spite of changing times and shifting tastes. Here is collected the best of English poetry as, in the opinion of Mr. Untermeyer, it appears to the nineteen-thirties. An anthology, however, cannot confine itself to verse which has survived the test of generations, and such newer poems as are included here are chosen by another test—they are said to possess some unmistakeable quality of permanence.

For ourselves we welcome anthologies published on any excuse or none. The "Albatross Book" is extremely ambitious in scope, generous in quantity, and more than reasonable in price; yet both of the tests used in the editor's choice are difficult to apply. Who shall say that "Where the remote Bermudas ride" has disappeared under the corroding influence of time, while the tiresome echo-rhymes of Herbert have stood the test? Is there no public now for Prior's anapests? Do people in the streets of Boston recite "Love brought me to a silent grove," and look with disdain upon Herrick's "Thanksgiving to God for his house"? No editor can hope to hold the balance in such matters. The most that he can do, if he wishes to represent in a little room all that is best in so great a literature, is to apply a more critical judgment to certain poems which have gained immortality through the aberrations of earlier selectors. That he will make new mistakes of his own is certain, but curiosities of choice are the spice of an anthology to all good readers. Blessings will be heaped upon Mr. Untermeyer's head because he has refused admittance to the egregious "A garden is a lonesome thing, God wot!" (though who will venture to say that it has not persisted in spite of time and tastes?) but those who praise him most for his triumphs of omission will look grave at the absence of "The Scholar Gipsy," and will knit their brows at—

Away went the messenger's bicycle,
His serpent's trail went up the hill forever.
And all the time she stood there hot as fever
And cold as any icicle.

As an editor's choice among the older poems must descend, no matter what his protestations, to personal taste, so, in the newer, the pleasure taken in a poem which happens to satisfy a passing phase of emotion often must be mistaken for an "unmistakeable quality of permanence." On Page 556, for example, one of the delicious freaks of arrangement which we look to find in an anthology brings together Vachel Lindsay and Mr. Padraic Colum—

Bands a-playing every day,
What?
Well, almost every day.
I am the Kallyope, Kallyope, Kallyope!
Willy willy willy wah Hoo!
Hoot toot, hoot toot,
Whoop whoop whoop whoop,
Willy willy willy wah Hoo!
Sizz, fizz. . . . .

This is followed by—

And I am praying to God on high,
And I am praying Him night and day,
For a little house—a house of my own—
Out of the wind's and the rain's way.

That Mr. Lindsay may have had something of great importance to say in "The Kallyope Yell" is no more to the point than that Mr. Untermeyer might have done better than he has for the Irish poet. If it comes down to a question of permanence, it becomes apparent that with one writer we have a highly individual approach to his own generation, and that behind the other lies the strong and broad tradition of lyrical English.

Of the twentieth century poetry criticism is forestalled to some extent by the obvious limitations of copyright. To this handicap, no doubt, we may ascribe the extreme conventionality of choice which makes the "Albatross Book" no more representative than earlier anthologies of the best in modern Irish verse. One of the remarkable features of this collection is its inclusion of American poetry. Much of it is interesting enough in certain ways to make somewhat ungracious the criticism that, as poetry, it is extremely disappointing outside two or three of the earlier great names.

By modernising much of the pre-Elizabethan verse and the ballads Mr. Untermeyer has revived an old controversy in which we need not join. The principle seems to do no great harm to Chaucer, where the new versions may, perhaps, lead some readers to the real text on the opposite page. More remarkable seems his deliberate omission from a long passage of the famous wish that Austyn might have his swynk to him reserved. Where the original version is not given the practice of modernisation is more than doubtful. The ballad of "Lord Randal" appears in a version which robs it of most of its force, and "King John and the Abbot" is, frankly, not worth its place after successive tinkerings. Modernisation, unfortunately, seems to involve emasculation, as in the carol, "I sing of a maiden," where the change of "makeless" to "matchless" brings in a feeble and conventional word which almost certainly alters the meaning.

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THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE.

MEN OF GOOD-WILL.

FROM OUR CHURCH OF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT.

"I SHALL be glad when Christmas is over: it is really a time for the children only," is a remark frequently heard in these days. It is to be feared that it betokens a lack of perception of the real meaning of the festival. After all, the Christmas message is: "Good tidings of great joy which shall be to *all* the people," and even the most crabbed cynic has certain things for which to be thankful at this season—the temporary release from the strain of business worries, the slipping out of the entanglement of conflicting interests in which he is enmeshed, or the enjoyment of home life, of which the busy man sees so little.

There are very few adults to whom the story of the first Christmas does not mean something, and who do not find real pleasure in regarding the beautiful simplicity of its setting. At the same time it must be confessed that many fail to understand the deeper truths enshrined in the simple story.

"God with us." This is the kernel of the message. God, giving us Himself, renews faith as He brings life out of the darkness which destroys into the light which saves. In St. Paul's fine phrase: "He brought life to light by the Gospel." "He came unto His own, and they that were His own received Him not"; that fact lies behind the discontent which voices itself in the opening phrase of this article: for there can be no happiness or hope until He is taken to our hearts and life is made the fulfilment of His purpose. It is "among men of good-will" that the peace of God is found—*i.e.*, among men who have "God with us as the real secret of life, and live by faith and obedience."

Our ideas of God determine our views of life and give direction and force to what we do. He is compelling as well as loving; the obeying of the compelling power within means new life. The question of God must, then, be settled, the awareness of His compulsion be felt, before it can be hoped to face and solve the world's great problems. The Christmas feeling does not remain with people through life, because it is not understood that He comes to the life of the individual, to the world's life, only as men are reborn again and again into His Spirit.

Christmas offers an occasion for this rebirth, with its power of inspiring men to refashion a new world. Instead of accepting this gift of grace most are trying to run away from it. They do not like to be reminded that there are tests for sincerity, or that honesty in facing issues has to be tried out, or that "we cannot use the language of the angels to recommend the policy of Caiaphas." Neither the individual nor the world can hope to be saved apart from conversion; no child can be brought to the birth without the pangs of travail. We are out for the best, but emancipation is a matter of pain and suffering and self-immolation.

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HOUSE, suitable for two or more flats, required to Purchase by middle of January, Sandycove to Ballsbridge or Pembroke. Address "Z 18, House," this office. 19 F

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WISHING Wooden Ledger a very happy Xmas. 21 F

WRITE to me; no supposed friends wanted; ourselves only. Good wishes.—Toujours.

LEGAL NOTICES.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE ELLEN ODETTE, DOWAGER COUNTESS OF DESART, Deceased.

Pursuant to the Statute 15, George V., Chapter 19, *notice is hereby given that all creditors* and other persons having any debts, claims or demands against the estate of the Right Honourable Ellen Odette, Dowager Countess of Desart, late of Aut Even, Talbot's Inch, in the County of Kilkenny (who died on the 29th day of June, 1933, and whose Will, with one Codicil, was proved by the Executors therein named, in the Principal Probate Registry in the High Court of Justice, Saorstat Eireann, on the 20th day of November, 1933), are hereby required to send particulars, in writing, of their debts, claims or demands to us, the undersigned, as Solicitors to the said Executors, on or before the 16th day of February, 1934. And notice is hereby given that at the expiration of that time the said Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Testatrix among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the debts, claims and demands of which they shall then have had notice, and that they will not be liable for the assets or any part thereof so distributed to any person or persons of whose debt, claim or demand they shall not then have had notice.

Dated this 12th day of December, 1933.

MARTLEY and BARLEE, Solicitors to the said Executors, 30 Westland Row, Dublin, C.17.

STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the Goods of

THOMAS CALLAN, Deceased, late of 3 St. Alphonsus road, Drumcondra, Dublin.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Statute in that behalf, that all persons claiming to be creditors on the estate of the above-named Deceased are hereby required before the 20th day of January, 1934, to furnish particulars of such claims to the undersigned Solicitor for the Executors. In default, the Executors will proceed to administer the estate, having regard only to the claims particulars of which have been furnished.

Dated this 18th day of December, 1933.

J. E. MACDERMOTT, Solicitor for Executors, 2 Nassau street, Dublin.

STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

ATHELSTANE GEORGE WOLSELEY, late of No. 5 Pembroke road, in the City of Dublin, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Statute 22 and 23 Vic., Chapter 35, that all persons claiming to be creditors against the estate of the above-named Deceased, who died on the 8th day of October, 1933, are hereby required on or before the 1st day of February, 1934, to furnish (in writing) particulars of such claims to the undersigned Solicitors for the Executors named in the Will of the Deceased, to whom Probate thereof was granted on the 20th day of November, 1933.

Dated this 18th day of December, 1933.

BENNETT THOMPSON and EDWARDS, Solicitors for the Executors, 12 Molesworth street, Dublin.

SAORSTAT EIREANN.

LAND REGISTRY.

CENTRAL OFFICE, CHANCERY STREET, DUBLIN.

In the Matter of

THE LOCAL REGISTRATION OF TITLE (IRELAND) ACT, 1891,

and of the Application of

PATRICK DOYLE, of 26 Cabra road, Dublin, an Owner of Land.

Application No. 14026.

This is to give Notice to all whom it may concern that the above-named Owner has lodged an application to be registered as full owner of an estate held under a Fee-Farm Grant dated the 5th of May, 1884, from James Fitzgerald Murphy, Francis J. Murphy, and Teresa Biggs to Felix Birmingham, in the undermentioned lands—that is to say, the House and Premises known as No. 61 Phibsborough road, Dublin, which lands are delineated on the map thereof deposited in the said office.

The said Patrick Doyle applies to have registration of the title to the said lands made subject only to such burdens as are set out in the application.

The application and the map may be inspected in the Central Office.

And this is further to give Notice that after the expiration of one calendar month from the date of publication of this Notice the registration will be proceeded with unless in the meantime cause is shown *to the contrary.*

All persons objecting to such registration are hereby required to file their objections in writing, duly verified, *in the Central Office.*

Dated this 21st day of December, 1933.

M. BARRINGTON, Chief Examiner of Titles.

JOSEPH H. DIXON, Solicitor for the said Patrick Doyle.

STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the Goods of

JANE JOSEPHINE HARVEY, late of Hotel de Famille, Vevey, Switzerland, and formerly of Cahir Abbey, Cahir, in the County of Tipperary, Spinster, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Statute 22 and 23 Vic., Cap. 35, that all persons claiming to be creditors, or otherwise to have any claims or demands against the estate or assets of the above-named Deceased, who died on or about the 12th day of December, 1932, are hereby required to furnish (in writing) particulars of such claims and demands on or before the 31st day of January, 1934, to the undersigned Solicitors for Goodwin Long, of Cahir Abbey, Cahir, in the County of Tipperary, the Executor of the said Deceased, to whom Probate of the Will and three codicils of the said Deceased was, on the 1st day of August, 1933, granted forth of the Principal Probate Registry in the High Court of Justice, Saorstat Eireann.

And Notice is hereby further given that after the said 31st day of January, 1934, the said Executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Deceased, having regard only to the claims of which notice and particulars shall have been furnished and received as above required.

Dated this 22nd day of December, 1933.

G. H. SARGINT and CO., Solicitors for the said Executor, 27 Molesworth street, Dublin, and Cahir, County Tipperary.

Notice of Audit and Dividend—23.

SAORSTAT EIREANN.

HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

In the Matter of

JOHN McKEOWN and THOMAS McKEOWN, trading as John McKeown and Co., of 4 Haymarket, in the City of Dublin, Auctioneers, Bankrupts.

A Public Sitting will be held before the Court, at the Law Courts, Inns quay, Dublin, on Friday, the 19th day of January, 1934, at the hour of 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to audit the Assignees' Account and make a first dividend in this matter.

Dated this 21st day of December, 1933.

JOHN C. MARLOWE, Bankruptcy Clerk.

A. G. HOLLINSHEAD, Official Assignee, Law Courts, The Castle, Dublin.

TERENCE DOYLE, Solicitor for the Assignees, 32 Nassau street, Dublin.

Gazette Notice—Adjudication—Public Sittings.—17.

SAORSTAT EIREANN.

HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

JAMES McCABE, formerly of Dublin House, Dunshaughlin, in the County of Meath, but now of 72 *Leinster avenue, North Strand,* in the City of Dublin, Grocer, was on the thirteenth day of December, 1933, adjudged *Bankrupt.*

Public Sittings will be held before the Court at the Law Courts, Inns quay, Dublin, on Friday, the 19th day of January, 1934, and on Friday, the 2nd day of February, 1934, at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon, whereat the Bankrupt is to attend, and to make a full disclosure and discovery of his estate and effects. Creditors may prove their debts, and at the *First Sitting* choose a Creditors' Assignee. At the Last Sitting the Bankrupt is required to finish his Examination.

All persons having in their possession any Property of the Bankrupt should deliver it and all Debts due to the Bankrupt should be paid to A. G. Hollinshead, Official Assignee, Law Courts, Dublin, to whom Creditors may forward their Affidavits of Debt.

W. CONNELL, Bankruptcy Clerk.

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ASSISTANT REQUIRED by city firm of General Hardware Merchants. Enclose copies references, state salary required.—X 1811, this office. 22 C

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MOTOR Representative SALESMAN WANTED; must be acquainted with cars and trade. Good proposition for first class man.—X 1744, this office. 20 B

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SOPRANO WANTED, city church (C. of I.). For particulars, salary, etc., apply Secretary, St. Andrew's Church, Suffolk street.

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THE WOOLLEN TRADE.

TARIFFS EFFECT OUTPUT.

HOME AND FOREIGN MARKETS.

HOW the woollen industry in the Free State has been affected by tariffs is described by a writer in the December issue of the *Irish Trade Journal.*

After pointing out that on the establishment of the Free State the Irish woollen manufacturers concluded that the only hope of the survival of their industry lay in the securing to them of the home market by means of tariffs on woollen and worsted goods, he goes on to say that a tariff of 15 per cent. *ad valorem*, imposed in 1925, had remarkable results. Imports of blankets fell in value, as a consequence, from £101,700 in 1924 to £26,200 in 1926, and the position of Irish blankets in the home market was assured without occasioning any increase in price to the consumer.

The woollen manufacturers' claim for protection for piece goods was subjected to a prolonged investigation by the Tariff Commission, and in February, 1929, a duty of 25 per cent. *ad valorem* was imposed on all imported woollen, part woollen, worsted and part worsted tissues, subject to the exception that tissues not exceeding the value of 1s. 6d. a square yard were exempt. This exemption was intended to allow of the duty free importation of inexpensive cloths used in the ready-made clothing trade.

PROTECTION DIMINISHED.

Some months later the exemption limit was raised to 2s. 6d. a square yard to meet the claims of the clothing trades who pleaded that cloths costing up to that figure were largely used by them, and were not made to any considerable extent in the Irish Free State, so that the degree of protection they had hitherto enjoyed was diminished as their raw materials were subjected to duty. In February, 1931, in view of the fall in the prices of woollens, the exemption limit was lowered to 2s. As prices continued to fall, this exemption had in time the effect of allowing the duty-free import of large quantities of cloth of a kind not contemplated originally when the tariff was imposed.

In consequence of these circumstances, the duty was raised in April, 1932, to 45 per cent. *ad valorem* (preferential rate of 30 per cent.), with a lower rate of 30 per cent. *ad valorem* (preferential rate of 20 per cent.) on tissues weighing seven ounces or more per square yard and of a value not exceeding 2s. per square yard. Tissues weighing less than seven ounces a square yard continued to be exempt.

By the Finance Act of May, 1932, the duty on blankets was raised from the original 15 per cent. *ad valorem* to 30 per cent., with a preferential rate of 20 per cent. A duty on fingering yarns at the rate of 22½ per cent. *ad valorem* (preferential 15 per cent. *ad valorem*) was imposed by the Finance (Customs Duties) (No. 4) Act, 1932.

DECLINE IN IMPORTS.

As evidence of the development of the home industry under this series of enactments, he cites first the trend of imports. In respect of woollen and worsted tissues, these rose from £874,309 in 1924 to £1,030,518 in 1927, but then declined progressively year by year to £594,870; while in respect of blankets there was a decrease from £101,713 in 1924 to £29,347 in 1927, followed by a sudden rise to £41,616 in 1928, and then a resumed decline until the figure of £10,789 was touched in 1932.

From 1929 it was possible to differentiate between dutiable and non-dutiable imports of woollen and worsted tissues, and the figures for these show that, while the dutiable imports were worth £356,486 in 1929 and £357,965 in 1932, non-dutiable imports were worth £533,466 in the former year and only £236,905 in the latter.

The census of production also indicates considerable increase in output that of woollen and worsted tissues having risen from 1,816,911 square yards in 1926 to 1,903,030 in 1931, and the number of blankets and rugs from 188,672 in 1926 to 302,658 in 1931. For the same period, however, the number of persons employed shows an increase from 2,364 to 2,464, and the amount paid in salaries and wages has dropped from £209,532 to £201,789.

With regard to foreign trade, the writer says that from 1904 onwards exports accounted for a considerable proportion of the Irish woollen output, but that since 1924 their value has fallen from £286,246 to £104,414. Of the total exports, approximately fifty per cent. has in most years been consigned to Great Britain, of which a portion, not determinable, was re-exported to other countries. Canada, the United States, Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany are also direct buyers of Irish woollens.

IRISH WILLS.

Mrs. Adeline Constance Lloyd, of 6 Somers place, Paddington, London, W., and of Gloster, King's County, who died on 24th October last, wife of Brigadier-General John Hardress Lloyd, D.S.O., D.L., and daughter of Sir Samuel Wilson, M.P., left property in England of the gross value of £42,586, with net personalty £42,307.

Mr. Alphonsus Eugene O'Keeffe, of 48 Northumberland road, Dublin, who died on 16th October last, left personal estate in England valued at £1,852. The testator left his premises, 125 O'Connell street, 16 Bedford row, and a coach-house in Preaching House lane, Limerick, to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, £300 to the Ladies' Society of St. Vincent de Paul, £300 to St. Mary's Conference of St. Vincent de Paul, £300 to the Sisters of Mercy, St. Michael's, Athy, Co. Kildare, for the poor; £300 to the Administrator of the Pro-Cathedral, Dublin, for the poor; £100 to the Parish Priest of St. Mary's, Rathfarnham, for the poor; £400 to the Sisters of the Assumption for the poor, £50 to the Presentation Convent, Limerick; £1,000 to St. Mary's Open Air Hospital for Children, Cappagh, Co. Dublin; £50 to the Meath Hospital, Dublin; £500 to the Parish Priest of St. Mary's, Haddington road, Dublin, for the erection of a shrine to our Lady of Good Counsel; £100 to Father Barrett for the Rathfarnham Retreat House, and the residue of the property to the Superior-General of the Sisters of Charity in Ireland towards charities in which the Order is engaged in Ireland.

DUBLIN DISTRICT COURT.

CHARGE OF CAUSING BOYS' DEATH.

TRAVELLER REMANDED ON BAIL.

(BEFORE MR. M. J. HANNAN.)

Francis Newman (34), commercial traveller, Shelmartin terrace, Croydon Park, Dublin, was charged with having, on last Thursday night at 10.15 o'clock, caused the death of Redmond Powell (19), of Iona Crescent, Glasnevin, by knocking him down at Fairview avenue with a motor car, of which he (Newman) was the driver. Powell died in Jervis Street Hospital an hour after he received the injuries.

Inspector Flanagan stated that the defendant, when charged and cautioned, said that he would make no statement until he saw his solicitor.

The defendant was remanded until Friday next, and was allowed bail on his own surety of £100 and two sureties in £50 each.

Mr. J. J. Sheil, solicitor, appeared for the defendant.

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